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I am writing in opposition to this bill. We have elected our school board members to make decisions on all aspects of educating our children. Currently ORS332.075 grants the school board, the power of adopting and approving any textbooks and instructional material. Saying that a book or piece of literature cannot be taken out of a school library or a textbook because it would somehow another discriminate against an author or their ideology completely misses the point about what literature in schools are about. It's about educating our children.

Kids in public school are having far too much political ideology pushed on them. This is why more and more parents are pulling their kids out of Public Schools. Oregon's public schools are failing in all areas. This measure will further alienate parents from schools, taking away from school board powers. We have elected our school boards, and we have confidence that they represent our community and we strongly advised that they keep complete their power over our textbooks and instructional materials and any content of anything that is in our libraries or classrooms. These are good people who love our children and are a part of our local community and we trust them, so please do not diminish their authority.