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On Behalf Of:  
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Chair Frederick, Co-Chair Weber, and members of the committee.

My name is Hannah, I am from Newberg. I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1098, which will prohibit discrimination based on the race, religion, ability, country of origin, sexuality, or gender of the individuals featured in the content of educational and library materials in K-12 public schools in Oregon.

In Oregon, we have seen countless efforts to ban books that feature LGBTQIA2S+, Black people, Indigenous people and other people of color. topics or individuals and restrict access for students to understand the positive contributions of individuals of marginalized identities who have contributed to our society. This bill creates a statewide standard ensuring freedom of information both to users of that information, as well as providers of that information, for example librarians and educators. It also ensures students have access to accurate and representative information about their histories, communities and selves.

I believe each person should be able to have access to their history. I believe it is helpful and important for people to learn about the history of other lived experiences, as it brings opportunity for understanding and compassion. It is critically important for our youth, particularly those who are in an at risk category, to see themselves represented in print (stories/histories/graphic novels). It bolsters mental health and give hope for a place that they fit into their world.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please support Senate Bill 1098.