

Support for SB 1098
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Greetings Senators,

I am a Teacher-Librarian in Portland and I urge you to support SB 1098. I feel it is time to enshrine the freedom for public school students to seek out and read books and materials in their school libraries to further their intellectual and social development. This bill will protect academic and personal freedom of expression to choose what students want to read and learn about. Furthermore, this bill supports schools and librarians to handle both coordinated outside efforts and emotional parent concerns with a clear, centralized state process with dedicated and expert personnel. As a direct result, school librarians will be free to develop diverse and inclusive collections without fear of divisive book challenges. Lastly, this bill clearly maintains the right for parents to monitor what their children read at their home but limits other parents from choosing what someone else's child can or can't read.

I trust that you will support intellectual freedom for all by supporting SB 1098.

Respectfully,

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