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I am in opposition of this bill as it denies school board members and parents across Oregon to keep objectionable curriculum and instructional materials out of our classrooms. Sadly, some legislators do not remember that parents, school board members and administrators have a better sense of what is acceptable, moral and responsible instructional resources for our students. This has nothing to do with discrimination and everything to do with our rights to raise and educate our children according to what we know is best for them. The mere fact that Oregon ranks at the bottom in education speaks volumes. For the Oregon Legislature to continue on this course is reprehensible and irresponsible. Oregon students need the basics of reading, writing, math that will enhance their abilities to become successful in life. Other subjects must be taught according to what all Oregon parents deem appropriate for their children and not what is thought to be right by a influence that does not meet the general need. While Oregon has a very progressive leadership, it is very under represented for the general population of those who identify with more traditional family values. This is dismissive of a large segment of Oregonians. Actually, what you are doing is discriminating against that significant and important population base in Oregon.

Please reconsider opposing this bill that not only does a disservice to Oregon students, but outright ignores what parents, school board members and school administrators think is best for their children and students overall.