

Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and members of the committee.

My name is Char Breshgold from Portland and 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.

As a kid who grew up in a working class home with few books around, libraries and school were the only places I had access. All students deserve to see themselves represented in the books, materials and classrooms they learn from and learn about diverse communities and people. Librarians are the experts! Please let them do their jobs.

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.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my story today. I urge you to vote YES to support and advance [Senate Bill 1098](#).