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I strongly oppose SB 1098 because it removes the authority of local school board members to approve or disapprove textbooks, library books, and all other instructional materials made available to children in local school districts. Historically ORS332.075 has given this authority to the local school board whose members reflect the values of parents, grandparents, & taxpayers in their own community.

To truly educate our children, literature read by and to our children must reflect what is good. Teaching them to be critical thinkers is more important than sexual orientation training. Ideologies come and go throughout history, and to substitute true education with an ever changing dogma does not create critical thinkers but more ideologues.

Our state cannot brag about its public educational standing among other states. We're currently 40th out 50 States. Maybe we could be focusing on how to improve reading, math & science scores?