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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 & 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 & to our children must reflect the traditional & historical values of Oregonians. This bill is actually discriminatory against those values that are in direct conflict with the ideological trends we're seeing today. Ideologies come and go throughout history, & to substitute true education with an ever changing dogma does not create critical thinkers but more ideologues.

Our state already reflects the impact of liberal influences in the public educational standing among other states. Why would we as a state be doubling down & pushing harder in a direction that has yielded poor results? We should be focusing on how to improve reading, math & science scores instead so that Oregon students can be truly competitive with other students across the board in the United States.

Please vote NO on SB 1098.