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Please do not allow this bill to pass. It will fly in the face of all that is moral and correct in teaching our public school students . Sex education courses must include information on teen dating violence and be presented with sensitivity toward students who have experienced sexual abuse. These courses must not shame or exclude students who have been sexually active. Parents or guardians have the right to remove their children from sex education through an opt-out policy.

Senate Bill 1098 affects teachers with classroom libraries and the selection of textbooks and instructional materials. It undermines existing safeguards designed to protect students. Since school libraries are part of the educational system, the bill conflicts with established sex education standards. Allowing students unrestricted access to sexually explicit materials in libraries—without meeting instructional standards or providing parents an opt-out—violates these protections.

Providing such materials in school libraries, when doing so outside of school would be illegal, could lead to further issues. It risks encouraging inappropriate behavior and could contribute to serious incidents, such as cases of sexual misconduct by school staff.

Thank you for considering the opinions of many Oregonians.

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