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I wholeheartedly support HB 1098. Exposing children to diverse cultures is crucial for their development, fostering empathy, understanding, and a broader worldview. By engaging with content from a variety of sources, children learn to appreciate diversity, challenge stereotypes, and develop a more inclusive perspective. This exposure can also enhance their cognitive and social skills, making them better equipped for a globalized world. Specifically, in books, stories introduce children to diverse characters, traditions, and perspectives from around the world. This will create opportunities for children to interact with and learn from people from different backgrounds which improves the inclusivity of the future in which we will live.