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Re: SB1098
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My name is Kim Kennedy. I am a 53 year old mother of 3 boys. I have been a volunteer chaplain at the Lane County Adult Correctional Facility for 7 years (pertinent to this testimony).

At age 4, my father began sexually abusing me because of an addiction to pornography. Not all addictions lead to this type of abuse but in my case, it began through pornography. I have worked with counselors at CAFA of Lane county for several years and they diagnosed me with severe Complex-PTSD. To be short, the pornography is a beast that if allowed into the lives of young adults, let alone children, it is a wildfire and you have no idea the hell you are unleashing into that persons life. My dad became addicted to pornography which led him to a progression, that once started, could not be stopped. Because of his addiction, he was not able to control these urges and this led to him abusing my older sister and I. It DID NOT STOP THERE! Because this is a PROGRESSIVE, SEXUAL URGE, simply sex with his own wife and children did not stop him, and WOULD NOT, COULD NOT SATISFY HIM, he progressed to torture to get his arousal. PORNOGRAPHY IS a progressive, sexual desire that should not be allowed in our classrooms. You have no idea what you are unleashing upon our children if you pass this bill.

I urge you, beg you, please, if you are in a place of authority to shut these books down from our schools, please do so. You must do so! Please let children be children. Do not teach perversity. Do I believe all pornography leads to further expressions of sexual deviant behaviors, I would say yes! That is what my 2 counselors said. They tied these kind of behaviors to pornography.

If you study like I did, the why's and trace the bread crumbs of these behaviors, you would make a choice TO ARM OUR CHILDREN WITH SELF CONTROL, to not "awaken love" before its time. Children were not meant to have these complicated, sexual roles that these 700+ books are indoctrinating. I had printed out the title of every single book on booklooks.org and yes, it was over 700+ titles.

My Complex PTSD was due from the rape and torture of my father and uncle. I had repressed memories from my childhood, it was so severe. One of those torture events included my dad taking a rod, hooked up to something that looked like Positive and Negative cable chargers for a vehicle. When he put that rod down my throat, it electrocuted me and stopped my heart. The last thing I saw was electricity going out of my foot. There is more but I will stop here. Why? Because PORNOGRAPHY IS A DOORWAY that leads to unimaginable difficulty (for my dad and for my sister and I).

Speak up for those who have no voice, for the justice of all who are dispossessed. Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9

Those who are oppressed will be the ones that if you open the doors of these textbooks in our schools, there will surely be VICTIMS that you hear not now, but I was once in a closet screaming at the top of my lungs and no one heard. Will you hear my screams now and not be moved? Or will you be silent to the untold hundreds and thousands you unleashed though these books? I would not want to be in your shoes if you have to answer for the behaviors you are unleashing through these books.

