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CALL TO ACTION





Book bans have NO PLACE in Oregon schools —

Tell the Oregon State House to move SB 1583A forward and get it passed before session ends in one week!

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Senate Bill 1583A – which prohibits discriminatory book bans and censorship in Oregon's public schools – was passed by the Oregon State Senate. Your action alerts and testimony helped get this done!

Now, the bill just needs to be passed by the House. But the House is dragging its feet in scheduling a work session, and there isn't much time – with only one week left of the legislative session.

<u>Please take this quick action (it only takes a few minutes) now to tell</u> <u>legislators: Get SB 1583A a work session, send it to the House floor, and get it</u>

passed immediately!

TAKE ACTION

The House Committee on Rules is holding a public hearing **TOMORROW**, **Tuesday**, **March 5**, **at 8 a.m.** We need as many people as possible to sign up to give verbal testimony, either in Salem or virtually. <u>Please make your voice heard and register here!</u>

Moving SB 1583A forward this session is vital to protect Oregon public schools from discriminatory censorship:

- All students deserve to see themselves represented in the books, materials, and classrooms they learn from, and to learn about diverse communities and people.
- Book bans are tactics used by small groups of extremists to erase and silence the voices, lived experiences, and histories of our most marginalized communities.

Community, you have made it clear that you support the freedom to read and learn. Please take action today. Your participation is critical to making democracy work.

Thank you for engaging in democracy this legislative session. And as always, thank you for supporting reading, learning, and growth.

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