

House Judiciary Public Hearing, Tuesday, March 18, 2025

SB 2307: Relating to obscenity control; to provide for a report to the legislative management; and to provide a penalty.

Please include this letter with the Committee Hearing testimony journal for public record.

The gist of Senate Bill 2307 opens up the opportunity for one person in a community to force an opinion to limit the reading choices of everyone else in the community. It will also lead to the loss of state funding for libraries, forcing local communities to pick up the tab, rural communities that are already strapped for funding.

This legislation is a pious and unconstitutional restriction on access to school and public library materials ensconced in an overreaching government bill. This bill, in addition to its other flaws, will be extremely costly, if not impossible, for most communities to implement, highlighting the impracticality of its enforcement.

It is my anticipation this committee will choose to stand on the honorable side of history and give this bill a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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