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House Judiciary Committee,

I am reaching out to you to oppose SB 2307,

My name is Melissa Lloyd, I'm a mom, taxpayer, librarian, and reader. I am opposed to SB 2307 for several reasons.

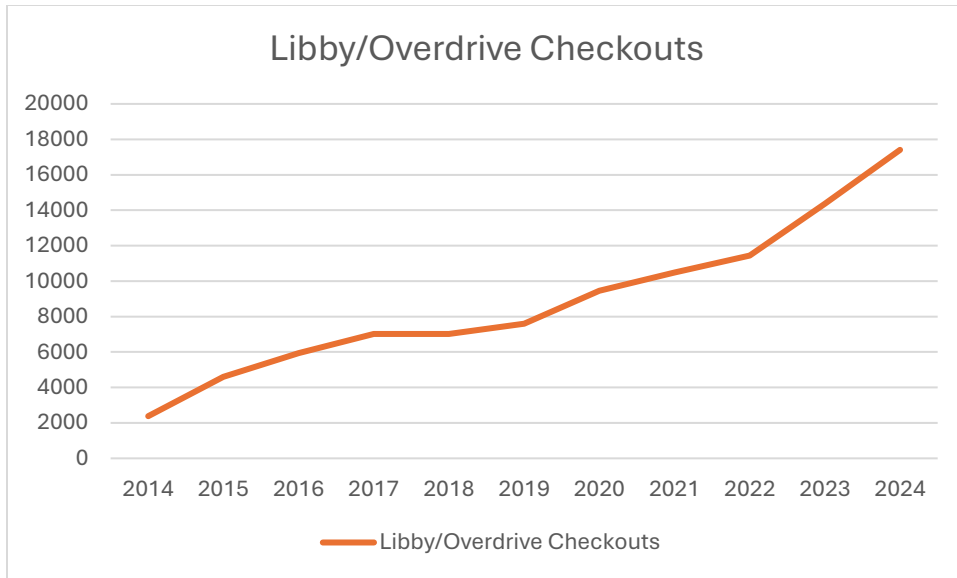
#1) As a mother, I decide what my children read, and take responsibility for them when they visit any library. I do not expect the Librarians to parent my children, and I don't want anyone else telling them what they can and cannot read. SB 2307 would restrict access to reading material with valuable information.

#2) Feasibility the constraints of this bill are not realistic, some libraries, including the one I work at, a 1903 Historic Carnegie Library, does not have the ability to "build locked cabinets" there is no place for it to go, and it would be impossible to make it only accessible to adults. Which also defeats the philosophy of "Libraries are for Everyone."

#3) Student Staff and volunteers would not be allowed to work in the library. Most of them are under the age of 18 and they learn valuable on the job training skills, as well as customer service skills in the library they can then put on a resume to prepare them for the workforce.

#4) Redundancy, libraries already have collection development policies, and request for reconsideration procedures in place for items people don't think is appropriate, this bill would draw out the process, wasting taxpayer time and money as well as the State's Attorney's.

#5) Loss of Services, the use of Libby at the VCBC Public library has increased steadily since 2014, as shown in the data collected from our library's statistics. Jumping from 2380 checkouts per year to 17,408 checkouts per year. If SB 2307 passes it will require age verification software that many libraries, including ours, cannot afford. The choice of libraries will be to no longer provide the services or increase funding to pay for the software, which will affect the taxpayers.



VCBC Public Library Overdrive Usage from 2014-2024

SB 2307 will create more problems than it solves. It will hurt the communities that libraries serve and restrict access to materials.

Please vote No on SB 2307,

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

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