

March 17, 2025

Re: In Opposition to SB 2307

Dear Committee Members,

Please recommend a Do Not Pass for SB 2307.

Our librarians don't get paid enough to face criminal charges because someone considers a book on their shelves to be obscene. There is no precise definition of what makes something obscene, so librarians would be put in the impossible position of guessing what everyone would agree was acceptable.

The reality is, if children want to see things that aren't good for them, they need only look at TV, streaming services or the internet. Or they could simply buy a book online.

Frankly, if children were encouraged to go to the library in the hopes of reading about something they shouldn't, at least they would be reading to find it!

Having teachers and librarians report to the legislative management regarding books kept on their shelves is uncomfortably similar to the times of the Nazi rule. And I am sure none of us want that.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mary Bjerke, Concerned Citizen