

House Judiciary Committee
March 18th, 2025 SB 2307
Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Klemin and the members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I urge a “Do Not Pass” on SB 2307.

At time of writing, there are over 300 pieces of testimony submitted already. I fought hard in 2023 against these bills that target our libraries and I learned a great deal about things like the Miller Test and the mechanisms that libraries have to remove content the community does not agree with.

I will be honest, I love libraries. I think they’re magical. I think they’re one of the greatest things we as humans have done. We’ve created these quiet shelters of knowledge that allow kids to explore the entirety of the universe through words and imagination. And they’re run by nerds and dorks who love knowledge and helping people learn.

As I type this up, I find tears in my eyes. Because what a monstrous bill we have here. One that so cruelly implies that these places are nefarious. That we need to really come after “Big Library” to stop the perversion of our youth. And perhaps it is worth noting such a thing isn’t real. I’d put that under fiction, actually. Which by the way are stories that aren’t real.

And a bill like this is such vast oversight to a problem that can be solved by a casually attentive parent. It is no great hurdle for any parent to inquire about the content in their library, to instruct their child on what they’re not allowed to read, and share the institute with the plurality of people who use it. This bill does nothing to protect the interest of folks who find some material questionable, it only removes content and resources from the people who want it.

And the intended or unintended consequence of this bill, so vaguely worded, seeking to vibetest content against the personal prejudice of our authority figures is perhaps not good governance. There are books I do not like. Books that I think are full of disinformation, that spread lies or harm. But I don’t think a library is there to enforce an agenda. It is there for everyone. It is there to help everyone. And does not benefit from a government micromanaging an institute many lawmakers have proven they do not understand. For these reasons, I strongly encourage giving this a “Do Not Pass”.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state,
Faye Seidler