

No on SB 2307

SB 2307 is completely nonsensical. It is an attack on an informed public under the guise of protecting children. Also, it is a bill trying to cure a problem that doesn't exist. Children are not accessing "obscene" materials. And what solution do the sponsors of this bill envision? Surely, they don't plan on budgeting for two libraries for every community: one for adults and another for children. Nope! The plan is to have all "obscene" materials removed from our public libraries.

And what do they deem as "obscene?" Romance novels that are for the entertainment and enjoyment of adults. Trust me when I say that children are completely uninterested in this content. What else? Ah, yes! Materials that cover LGBTQIA and sexual education. Whether you like this material or not, they are a necessary component of a public library, because people deserve to have an accessible location to find information about LGBTQIA issues and sexual education. If this content offends you, you are free to not borrow it from the library just as I shall avoid content that is of no interest to me and my life.

Let's let parents guide their children. Let's let our educated and professional librarians continue to curate our public collections to serve our diverse communities. Why must we waste our time and resources serving the perverse desires of some legislators to control our access to a wide variety of materials?

Finally, I find it disingenuous that a party that pretends to advocate for smaller government and less government overreach conveniently forgets their stance when it comes to LGBTQIA issues and women's bodies and sexuality. This is an offensively puritanical bill intended to try to stomp out freedom of speech and freedom of expression. Guide your own children. Borrow only the books that interest you. It's pretty simple.