

Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio and members of the House Workforce and Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for accepting my written testimony. My name is Linda Goodwin. I am a retired high school teacher. I have a Masters degree. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

I am concerned that these bills will stifle education rather encourage it. Limiting virtually all discussion of any topic someone might find controversial prevents students from learning to see the world from another perspective. Not acknowledging the diversity of our students is to ignore reality. You don't give young adults enough credit. They can learn about the past without feeling guilty that they are somehow responsible. I taught in a small town. My students wanted to know about other types of people. They were curious about the wider world. Please don't deny students that opportunity.

Please consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful bill.

Thank you for allowing me to present this testimony.

Sincerely,  
Linda Goodwin