

Judiciary Committee
House Bill 710
Unfavorable

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee;

Please give House Bill 710 an unfavorable report.

Robie Harris wrote books that include drawings to teach and help adults teach sexuality education to children. I found these books to be incredibly useful in teaching my own children, and I also had them available for students in the sexuality education class that I taught at my church. At least two of these Robie Harris books have been on banned books lists.

Some people don't believe that anything that teaches sexuality education is actually "educational." Some people believe that anything that includes illustrations of naked bodies is inherently obscene. Those people can helicopter parent their children all they want, and are even allowed to refuse to let their children receive sexuality education, but they shouldn't be allowed to force their puritanical beliefs on other people's children or on schools. The insistence that their religious beliefs should be favored above all others in society is bigotry. I urge an unfavorable vote on House Bill 710. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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