

Subject: Reasons your should support HB 197
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Dear Republican Legislators,

I'm so grateful to Representative Peck for running [HB 197](#). Please see the attached infographics for the summary solutions and link to the line of code. I wanted you to know the background behind my favorite four points that this bill accomplishes:

- 1) **Encouragement to have good books on our founders (lines 420-425).** I recently was in a Kaysville school where I offered historical books on the founders, but was rejected for fear of the liberal parents at the school. Schools are afraid and need legislation to encourage them.
- 2) **Requirement that the USBE provides LEA's a list for local review (lines 299-309).** In my work with RatedBooks I frequently encounter horrific books in our schools such as [Kerri Maniscalco's Kingdom of the Cursed](#), which was recently [removed by Davis School District](#) due to my challenge. I asked Davis School District to provide links to our ratings as a courtesy to parents so they could opt their children out. They said they don't use resources from private citizens; they will only use something from the USBE. (See attached correspondence to view my communication with USBE hotline and DSD.) I went to USBE board members and asked them to share our monthly list. Only one board member reported that she shared it with her schools. On October 14, 2025, I asked the State Superintendent to share potential objective sensitive materials violations with schools that have been flagged for local review, and she said she needs the legislature to do that. I'm so grateful for you as nobody else seems to want to take action.
- 3) **Schools are required to review their own list (lines 326-327).** It has been my experience that schools only review and remove books if parents challenge them. In

fact, Davis School District told me in their response from my USBE report, that is the only way to determine if it breaks the law. (See attached correspondence to view my communication with USBE hotline and DSD.) Schools feel they need legislative direction to act otherwise.

- 4) **Parents can have a private Right of Action (lines 401-413).** No parent wants to waste their own dollars and time on a lawsuit. The greatest benefit of this clause, in my opinion, is that it gives districts an incentive to be more proactive. With just one private right of action other schools may take the sensitive materials law seriously.

Thank you for all you do! I'm looking forward to this upcoming legislative session. Please let me know if you have any questions. I would be happy to do the research to give you that information.

Sincerely,

Brooke Stephens

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