

01 March 2021

To: House Committee on Rules
Re: House Bill 2745

Dear Chair Representative Smith Warner, Vice-Chairs Representative Drazan and Holvey, and members of the Committee:

House Bill 2745 merely prolongs, aids and abets racism in general. This continual referencing and increase in classifying people by race and ethnicity does not do anything to promote the view that people are fellow human beings.

Just what difference will it make to election results if one can check off a race or ethnic preference on a voter registration card? Will new cards be labeled accordingly, i.e., Caucasian voter, Native voter, East Asian, et. al.?

If this bill is supposed to do something about racism it is backwards. The best argument I've ever come across is the rhetorical question; Want to end racism? Stop talking about it. This bill augments racism.

This bill, some odd play on affirmative action, which itself can be shown has not been the panacea it was originally made out to be, only promotes more pigeon-holing of voters by race and/or ethnicity. Is that what we here in Oregon need more of?

As for preferred language; there are over 7,000 languages in the world. How does this bill plan to discriminate between which ones to use? The same way it discriminates between the various races and ethnic traits extant in the world? Unless there is a check box for each one it will be discriminatory against the ones left out. What does that say about the currently trendy *inclusiveness* on so many lips these days?

This entire bill is a ridiculous waste of our legislator's time and energy.

I urge you to table this bill and move on to other more pressing concerns.

Sincerely,



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