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To: House Committee on Behavioral Health; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2949]...Intentional institutional incorporation of systemic racism in Oregon law is job one.

[HB 2949] is designed to support the institutional incorporation of systemic racism into Oregon law.

The following excerpts were copied from the summary of [HB 2949]:

"Requires Mental Health Regulatory Agency to establish program to improve Black, indigenous and people of color mental health workforce, including pipeline development, scholarships for undergraduates and stipends for graduate students, loan repayments and retention activities."

"Requires Oregon Health Authority to provide funding to Black, indigenous, people of color and immigrant communities to ensure access to mental health care."

"Creates Task Force on Expanding the Mental Health Workforce."

The aforementioned appears to be blatant, unrepentant incorporation of systemic racism into Oregon law.

All persons should be afforded "equal opportunity" to government funded educational programs.

There are "NO" Revenue Impact or Fiscal Impact Statements or a Budget Report for [HB 2949].

The "costs" for [HB 2949] are "all over the place."

[HB 2949] states in the, "Text: [Page 2 at (26-29) an appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the General Fund], [Page 2 at (34-37) an appropriation of \$10,000,000 from the General Fund], [Page 3 at (1-4) an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the General Fund], and the Granddaddy of them all; [Page 3 at (21-24) an appropriation of \$50,000,000 from the General Fund]" for an alleged total of:

\$68,000,000.

Amendment (-5) illustrates an intentional act of incorporation of systemic racism into Oregon law, appears in the, "Text: [Page 1 at (18-21)] and [Page 2 at (1-10)]."

Amendment (-7) states and amount of \$5,000,000 from the General Fund and dispersals in the, "Text: [Page 1 at (18-21)] and [Page 2 at (1-3)]."

Amendment (-8) illustrates another intentional act of incorporation of systemic racism into Oregon law, appears in the, "Text: [Page 1 at (14-15)]."

I cannot support [HB 2949].

Respectfully submitted,

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