

Dear legislators,

I urge you to vote NO on SB-683 and kill this disgusting reckless race baiting bill now while it's in committee. A mandatory curriculum with no balanced agenda for objective discussion is indoctrination, not equity. It degrades white students to appease unhinged, hateful, and resentful adults looking for revenge. The language in the bill seems to blindly copy the premises of the widely debunked New York Times 1619 Project. If enacted, this bill would mandate the statewide adoption of a 1619 Project-type curriculum for all K-12 Oregon public school students. The bill characterizes the overarching theme of Oregon and U.S. History as racist. It would require all history to be taught through an oppressed/oppressor racial lens. It requires a radical overhaul of the 5th Grade Oregon Trail Unit to characterize all pioneers as motivated chiefly by racism. It describes racism and slavery as foundational to the state and country's law, economy, justice system, and government. This bill is disgusting and irresponsible and the sponsors should be ashamed of themselves for this disaster that amounts to child abuse.