

Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Education

I live in Ashland OR and have been an third generation Oregonian. I STRONGLY urge your support of Senate Bill 683. I am a long time member of Unite Oregon and our Medford

Congregational United Church of Christ Justice & Peace Team. And I participate in the Interfaith Social Justice Coalition. In all those groups we have been

deeply involved in understanding the history of our state in relation to accurately depict slavery, race, and social justice. And as a parent I have given close attention to how

these issues were whitewashed in school history classes in our local schools. I am very supportive of this bills aim to provide accurate and fair history.

As many in southern Oregon are now learning a more critical history of our country, state, and southern Oregon we are all aware of the need for all

in our state education program to learn accurate history.

We are now at time of reappraisal and relearning about race and equity. It is very important to me and the folks in organizations I belong to

support the goals of this legislation.

Please vote yes and advance this important step in our state's growth in racial and social justice.

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