

If we are to move forward together as a state and nation, we must address the reality of our past as it relates to racism and white supremacy so that we can see where those systems still affect our society and the opportunities available for all of Oregon's children. This bill is an important step in helping Oregonians understand how policies of the past have harmed Black Americans so that they can, as adults, help evaluate current policies. This work of linking our history to our present and future is a critical element of social studies and we owe it to our children to educate them as to the full history of our state - the good and the bad.