

As a public school music teacher, I support this bill to create a new state song in a way that includes ALL Oregonians in the process. This will be an exciting educational opportunity as well as the best way to right the wrongs of the existing racist song. Papering over the past by simply quietly changing the words doesn't do justice to the real history of racism in our state or provide the fresh start that this bill does. The process will be well worth the effort to engage students and residents across the state in re-imagining our state identity through song.