

House Bill 2329 is the only equitable option for replacing Oregon's dreadful and embarrassing state song. We must think carefully about what parts of history we choose to preserve: What we allow to live on the lips of our children and at our civic events, versus what we commit to the history books. The song's lyrics must not merely be amended, but rather the song must be replaced entirely for this particular wrong to be corrected.

HB 2329 not only presents opportunity for all Oregonians, regardless of their personal backgrounds, to contribute and have their voices heard, but also nods to the original selection process. Our BIPOC community must have a voice in how this cultural symbol is chosen.

HB 2329 provides Oregon the chance to lead by example, and demonstrate the commitment of this great state to inclusivity and accessibility. I urge you to make this commitment, and to vote for HB 2329.

Thank you for your consideration.

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