

I guess I am confused by this bill and its intent? Can someone point out at what point in Oregon's history we were a slave state? I thought not! So, what are you doing even addressing this issue of reparations for those who have ancestors who were slaves in Oregon? If this is a USA issue, then let our federal system deal with any reparations (which by the way there are looking at!)! If this is a state that actually had slavery, then let those states that supported and benefited from it deal with any reparations. Why is the Oregon legislature even looking at this - I say again! This is nothing but a blatant attempt by the BLM movement to address issues that never existed in Oregon!

Now, if you want to discuss issues that Oregon actually had an impact on blacks in Oregon, then at least the conversation would be relevant and not just something the black group in our state government have now made up given the current bias toward systemic racism in Oregon and the US / world!

And, finally, I am absolutely against any "cash reparations" of any kind for anyone related to racism! No matter how much you would ultimately decide was fair, would only be perceived as inadequate by its recipients! In my own early career I had to deal with systemic federal interference in how people were hired, fired and promoted in order to achieve racial equity in the workplace. This went on for decades with some degree of success. But it made it more difficult for those that actually worked harder, smarter and put more effort into their work than others to actually get the reward for such effort as, if you promoted a white guy, then you needed to do the same for a black/brown man regardless of their own efforts or work ethic! And, I personally saw the abuse such a system did to those involved for all racial groups.

Government intervention in the manner suggested here will do more harm than good to racial equity, race relations and the general interaction between races! I see lots of folks of all colors who have done the hard work, put in the extra effort and did the right things in order to prosper in their work and personal lives. And, there is a lot of issues for all races when it comes to making a decent living. Help is needed to make college, both formal and trades more affordable for everyone. Giving someone money for something they personally were never exposed to sounds great ... but it will, I truly believe cause more problems that it solves!

Don't move this bill forward and work on more societal based issues that will have a more lasting impact on everyone! And, as the Bible says, "Give a man a fish and he eats one meal! Teach a man to fish and he has food for a lifetime!" Think about and then can you do the right thing here and bury this bad, bad Senate bill!