

As an attorney, I believe that it is crucial, particularly in Southern Oregon which was the home of the Klan, and where racist actions still happen every day including the murder of Aiden Ellison, that the next generation down is educated as to the true history of racism in this region.

The only way to change the system is through education regarding the policies and the laws that have been in place in this state for more than 100 years. This bill has the opportunity to be the opposite of "cancel culture". It is the non-cancel culture of education and I urge this body to pass the bill. Southern Oregon districts will never do it on their own. True leadership involves taking action on a state level to bring this state forward.

Thank you for considering this testimony