

We need to root out racism wherever it resides in our society, but this bill reads more like political platform statements than well-researched educational policy. As a father of 5 kids in Oregon's public schools, I can tell you that we do not need to add this kind of polarizing effort into the education system. Our schools and teachers do a wonderfully thorough job right now of combating racism in everything they teach. This proposed bill will not serve to inspire or direct students to discover truth, but will engender unnecessary expense, strife, and distraction from the existing curriculum which already fully covers these issues. Well intentioned, misguided efforts like this often end up undermining the very effort they claim to serve.