

Good Morning. I have read through the testimony both pro and con on the merits of this bill. I actually see nothing in the record that support this bill that targets the payments to the descendents of Oregon slaves! I do see several who do support the bill based on the treatment of blacks in Oregon - but this "pro" testimony does not address the specific focus of this bill - reparations to the descendants of Oregon slaves! Why, there are none. Slavery was never allowed in Oregon so their are no ancestors of slaves so their is no factual support for this specific bill.

Please reject any further action on this bill! It is a great headliner bill that the media can latch onto to show Oregon doesn't support people of color even today - which is of course completely false! Package this bill up and send it to the states that actually had slaves and let them deal with any reparation issues and payment as this bill is not something the belongs in Oregon! Should you decide to move this bill forward, I would suggest you add other atrocities that have occurred throughout our history and the world! Why stop with something like slavery in the US! Heh, even in our country we have not dealt with other minorities we can drill into how they were dealt unfairly. And, lets add restitution for the US soldiers who dies fighting the south as their families suffered many generations of hard as a result of that war! I can go on, but I guess by now you can see why this bill is not something that the Oregon Senate should continue to pursue!