

No US citizen now living has ever legally owned a slave under rule of law. No US citizen now alive has ever been legally sold into slavery. All slaves in the US were emancipated during the Civil War. To enact legislation which grants reparations to citizens who have never been slaves at the expense of citizens who have never owned slaves is an ex post facto action which punishes living citizens for actions they did not commit to pay living citizens who have not suffered enslavement. This bill constitutes pandering virtue signalling which diverts state legislative attention at a time when the Oregon State legislature should be concentrating on issues which promote the health and welfare of all our citizens equally.