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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal  
and World Affairs

Measure: SB776

Members of the Committee,

SB 776 is, in my opinion, an assault on the people of Oregon. The summary says: "Establishes Task Force on Reparations and directs task force to study and develop proposals for financial and nonfinancial reparations for Oregonians of African-American descent, develop appropriate methods for educating public about task force findings and recommend appropriate remedies based on task force findings." In other words, "let's find out how much to pay, who we are taking the money from and how to convince the public that this is a good idea".

So the plan is to take money from people who were never slave owners and give it to people who were never slaves. However it only allows payment to one race to the exclusion of all others. What about Irish people who were brought to the Western Hemisphere as slaves in the 1600's? Why don't people of Irish descent warrant "reparations"?

This whole idea is racist to its core. Please kill this albatross.

Respectfully,