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As someone who has worked in public schools for years and predominately works with children of all ages, this bill is super important for the accurate portrayal of all people involved in the establishment and continued maintenance of our state and nation. Children need to see themselves represented in the history of their nation. For children to feel empowered that their voice and actions can affect the outcome of our society they must first see people like themselves doing the same things. We are trying to make active members of our society out of our children and there is no way to do that without the inclusion of all people good and bad. I promise that there are children of all of those classes of people included in this bill in Oregon schools (I have met many of them) and the inclusion of their stories in our history books is a benefit and not a hindrance.