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I am writing in full support of this bill, as it is long overdue. Historically, Oregon has been incredibly hostile towards its Black residents and that legacy carries into today. If you look back, every effort has been made to prevent Black individuals and communities from thriving in Oregon. Black residents were publicly and violently punished if they tried to settle in Oregon, and several racist exclusionary laws were put in place to prevent them from voting, owning land or homes, using the legal system etc. This systemic racism also manifested in “redlining,” and The devaluation of primarily Black neighborhoods. Black Oregonians deserve reparations for the centuries of trauma, injustice and systematic discrimination inflicted upon them.