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Please oppose this bill.

While the intentions are kind, and come out of guilt for what has happened in history, **** the opportunity for abuse of taxpayer dollars is just too great to move forward with this bill.**** We need to focus on how to uplift ALL Oregonians, and make our schools better for ALL kids.

Oregon was founded in 1859 as a free state, that prohibited slavery. Sadly, our state did have an exclusionary law -- thankfully that law was overturned in 1926 -- 100 years ago. It does not make sense to pay "reparations" for slavery that was never legal here. Oregon is a melting pot of people who moved here from all over the world - from so many different diverse backgrounds and struggles.

Providing payments and "non financial support" based solely upon race, is a very slippery slope, and serves to entrench racism vs. solve the true struggles and problems at hand for Oregonians who are struggling to pay rent, buy eggs, or even find a job.