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Thank you for considering this much needed bill. African-Americans in Portland live with day to day stressors in present time along with the ever present specter of Oregon's racist history. Reparations could not happen quickly enough, and this study is an important first step. As an acupuncturist who practiced for nine years in North Portland, I can say with sadness and confidence that my African-American patients are suffering extreme effects of racism that might seem subtle or even invisible to non-African-Americans. Our African-American community members need to see their government support them. Thank you again for your consideration. Please support HB2995 and the further decisions that can bring reparations to reality.