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I am writing in support of HB 2995 to establish a task force to address the long-standing inequities that Oregonians of African-American descent have suffered historically and currently, in order to develop recommendations for long overdue reparations, and to educate the public about the task force's findings for these remedies. We must start somewhere, in this case locally, to begin the process of addressing the horrific legacy of slavery and systemic racism that has long been destroying the fabric of our society, denying ALL people, including the oppressors, from ever achieving the dream of the pursuit of happiness, justice and equality for ALL! Financial and non-financial reparations for our African-American Oregonians would be an important step towards attempting to achieve some reconciliation and remedy for this failing of colonialism