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In complete opposition of this bill.

Punishing taxpayers for the crimes of their ancestors and rewarding decedents of victims, neither of whom directly participated in such events, is no way to move on or heal from history. Nor how to learn from it. This will undoubtedly create more pain and division amongst peoples.

Setting this as a precedent will not end here. Many groups of peoples suffered throughout history and in this idea, should also be repaid.

No. Tax money should not be spent this way. Oregon is bleeding tax payers dry while addiction is ruining communities and lives. Oregon is falling apart around us. We should be all coming together to create a beautiful thriving Oregon. Not figuring out ways to punish people. Especially those not relative to fault.

So if one can prove their descendants were NOT slave owners, or even citizens of our country during the time of slavery, should they not be exempt from participating in reparations? This is just a taxed viscous cycle of finger pointing and hate. I also can't help but wonder how difficult the government would actually make it to prove one is eligible for reparations, and would anyone actually get anything out of it.

But government employees would sure get paid to deny claims.

I'm sure we can find other ways to live with, and learn from, our the past.