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I am in full support of HB2995 which will establish financial and non-financial reparations for Oregonians of African-American descent. This is a monumental and very important step for Oregon to recognize that black folk deserve both financial and non-financial compensation for everything this country has put them through. This country was built and powered by slave labor, that is a fact. Since then our government and society have created a multitude of barriers (financial, environmental, educational) that make life very difficult for black folk and stacks the odds against them. Providing reparations to this group of people who have been severely oppressed is the least we could do. This would not only be beneficial for each individual receiving compensation, but for our society as a whole. As this would greatly reduce the number of homeless black folk and would create stability in their lives and increase there quality of life , further allowing them to be contributing members of society.