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I support this bill to establish a task force on reparations for Oregonians of African-American descent. Black Americans have long since felt the effects of racism and our history of slavery in Oregon, even long after supposedly abolishing the practice and mindset. Oregon is one of the last states to remove racist language from our state laws and I in fact believe some still remains. Black Americans in Oregon have not been treated the same and given the same freedoms as others here and deserve our time and effort to correct this. This is one of many steps we need to take as a society to provide reparations to those we have wronged in order to attempt to arrive at a place of true equality and justice, like we so boldly claim to have.