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My name is Monica Delzeit and I am a concerned community member of Lake Oswego. Please support HB 2995, as I hope you supported HB 4052. There is enough medical evidence to support that Black Americans all have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), with it's inherent increases in morbidity and mortality. If we are human, and if we are kind, we will create policies to work towards ending the culture, behavior and policies that have supported continuation of the harms done to our friends and neighbors. (If you live in this country, you are my neighbor.) You are undoubtedly aware of Oregon's Black exclusion laws, redlining of poor neighborhoods, taking of Black neighborhoods by eminent domain, disproportionate killing of Black persons by police, ongoing enslavement of Black prisoners by using their bodies for free labor, continuing student-on-student racism, to name a few. Recall that Germany took not more than a half century to mandate that school children had to learn of the horrors of the Nazi party. This country has gone over four centuries, and Oregon has gone over two and a half centuries, and still not taking these definitive steps towards education, understanding and equity. Please do the right thing and support HB 2995. Let's take a step forward and no more steps backward. This is medicine treating PTSD.