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On Behalf Of:

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First, This bill should probably be sent to the conduct committee as the sponsors who introduced it are in conflict with ORS 244.040. AS usual the sponsors could gain financial benefits from this bill.

Second, I am also opposed to this bill because anyone born after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has not been affected by the same racial inequality as those prior to the act passing. Does anybody remember the affirmative action plan that went into affect, this was a form of reparation and it worked well for African Americans. There were also other minorities who have faced hardships far more recent than those of African-American descent. You forgot all the Asian and Europeans slaves who had the same discrimination based prejudice against them. It is well known that black people actually participated in owning human slaves themselves. It is also well known that there have been people of Caucasian descents that also have been enslaved.

For a party who constantly talks about equity, equality and to end racism, this is sure the opposite action. Lets put an end to division and special privileges to any demographic. Let's actually unite our society and restore respect. Not one life long Oregonian owned a slave, not one life long Oregonian should be forced to pay for something that they didn't do. Should we but a bill together to establish a task force to look at reparations for the 300,000 White Americans who lost their lives in the civil war to free the slaves? That would be equity wouldn't it?

Third, Oregon leaders have shown that they do not know how to manage any type of task force budget, this will be another waste of money, Don't move this bill forward.

Fourth, Quit raising taxes on Oregonians.

I adamantly oppose this misuse of our tax money.