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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2995

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 2995.

My parents immigrated to this country from Greece during the 1900's, well after the abolition of slavery. My father was in the next batch of European, low-paid manual laborers who worked on the railroads to build this country (basically slavery with no benefits and no welfare). Many of these individuals (including my father) faced discrimination and some were even lynched. My mother basically worked in a sweat shop where she also faced discrimination. Amazingly, discrimination is color blind. Does this mean I get reparations, too?

This bill is racist and discriminatory to its core. It uses racism as an excuse to fund another useless "task force" which is just a boondoggle and waste of tax dollars.

This is shameful.

There are more important issues facing our state, please focus on those.

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