

Submitter: Tom Hope

On behalf of: Self

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Re: HB2995

Dear Committee Members:

I respectfully oppose reparations for unfair treatment of Black residents of Oregon in generations past. I agree that people were mistreated by other people and Oregon governments. However:

1: Federal legislation and American cultural mores have corrected the legal and social landscape since the 1960's when Civil Rights legislation, particularly the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and more recent laws were passed.

2: Social mores now are such that anyone who behaves in a discriminatory manner has more problems that whatever they thought they would gain.

3: It has been three generations since then.

4: You are assigning blame for things done by people we never met to other people we never met long before most of us were born. If you open up this channel of grievance resolution, who is next? At what cost? For how long? Who pays?

If you feel like you must go forward, I recommend some alternatives:

1: Open a fund and publicize it for personal contributions. Allow donors to be recognized.

2: Recommend a ballot measure. Put your arguments into the Voters Pamphlet and then see how the voters feel.

Thank you,

Tom Hope