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I support prohibiting employers from imposing requirements that employees speak only English in the workplace.

Imposing such workplace rules is unnecessarily exclusionary and seeks only to further the "racial hierarchy" agenda of certain types of individuals. In Oregon, native languages were spoken by our tribes long before the area was colonized by English-speaking folks.

Regulating native and other languages out of the workplace should not be permitted in Oregon, or anywhere for that matter.