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Testimony in support of SB 739
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Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Chair Hass, Vice Chair Knopp and Senators Beyer, Kruse and Roblan:

The Chairs of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions are submitting testimony in support of SB 739 on the development by DOE of standards, teacher training and content for Oregon history in consultation with:

- The Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs,
- The Commission on Black Affairs, and
- The Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Growing leadership and success within Oregon among communities of color and women are part of the statutory missions of the Advocacy Commissions and we believe there is no more effective start than by teaching the rich history of our struggles and contribution to Oregon. We commend the sponsoring Senators and the Department of Education in reaching out to the Commissions representing these communities statewide to work in consultation to develop the supports necessary for making inclusive history thrive in Oregon.

From the Japanese American heroes of World War 2 who left their families in Oregon Internment Camps to become the most decorated units in history, to African American loggers who settled in Enterprise at the turn of the last century and Hispanic farm workers who together built Oregon's historic eminence in timber, produce, and nursery products, the Advocacy Commissions can provide ideas for curriculum content and teacher training as well as review standards. These and other contributions in Oregon's success by leaders of color and women in education, law, medicine, arts, business, government, and in every historic milestone in our state are the foundation of inspiring studies in Oregon history that will build the next generation of leaders.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions look forward to consulting with the Oregon Department of Education as they build standards, content and training to make inclusive history a reality in

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Oregon. Thank you for your positive consideration of SB 739.

Signed:

Stephen Ying, Chair, Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs and Pacific Islander Affairs

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Isaac Dixon, Chair, Oregon Commission on Black Affairs

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Andrea Cano, Chair, Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

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Stephanie Vardavas, Chair, Oregon Commission for Women

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