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Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2845

Dear Chair and Committee Members of the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education,

The Eugene/Springfield Branch of the NAACP has more than 250 members. We are committed to education reform. We believe this because a full and rich education is needed in order to produce the best environment in which our students/future leaders can develop. We believe HB 2845 is a good step toward improving our social studies program in the State of Oregon.

We also note that the effort to infuse a more holistic view of history into our education system has been championed in our State before, please refer to the [Multicultural Baseline Studies](#) report from 1987. The need to account for the stories and contributions of all people to the fabric of our understanding of the world is profound, and it is imperative that we make up for lost time. The wellbeing of our State and Nation will depend on the students of tomorrow to lead us all into a shared and multicultural future. This small step acknowledges that we can do better with innovation and inclusiveness, two fundamental qualities associated with our great nation. As a father and lover of history and learning, I urge you to support HB 2845.

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