

My name is Beverly Moore. I am in full support of SB 683. I have a Master's Degree from the University of Oregon in Planning, Public Policy and Management. I have worked within the criminal justice system as a Juvenile Restorative Justice Mediator and Facilitator. I also served on the Board of Directors of the International Victim Offender Mediation Association. I also served as a conflict resolution peer mediation trainer within High Schools in Lane County. I have seen first hand the results of racism in the criminal justice field and our schools. Black people are severely over-represented within the prison system. That is one of the end results of not teaching children the history of racism in Oregon. Prison is often the end result of racism in schools, from student to student, teacher to student and teacher to teacher conflict. I believe strongly that change must begin at the earliest possible opportunity through education. Oregon currently does not implement a comprehensive curriculum to instruct students (and teachers) the history of racism against black people and other people of color. The resources, curriculums and teacher training and support for teaching the history of racism and how to undo racism are widely available and offered for free from acclaimed sources. White supremacy is now considered the number 1 domestic terror threat. Without racism education it will continue to grow. Please support SB 683 for the future of our state and our citizens. Thank you.