Support for SB 683

I am writing in support of SB 683, which requires school districts to provide instruction on racist history of this country and state. The bill directs State Board of Education to adopt requirements for instruction and other implementation requirements.

Oregon's history with one of the largest KKK membership in the US must be taught to our students as a way to learn about our racist history and to gain an understanding of the conditions of Black Oregonians today. Without an understanding of our racist past, Oregonians will not be able to confront racism of today.

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