

Subject: SB619
To: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation
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Please vote NO on SB619

This bill proposes to pay reparations to 'African descendants of slavery' on a yearly basis. I oppose this because of the fact that the fiscal impact has not yet been revised. We need to understand how this impacts all Oregonians and tax payers on a monetary level and what to expect for tax payers. All too much these bills are passed without much thought about how they affect tax payers. Where is the money coming from? Who will fund this? Please provide this information to the people before pushing a bill like this forward. There must be Transparency to the people before a bill gets passed like this. Oregon's taxes are already too high and I fear the income tax along with property tax would continue to be affected. Please take another look at this bill.

I am not opposed to reparations, in fact the reparations or rather 'atonement' payment should be to the American Descendants of Slavery rather than African descendants of slavery. There is a big difference. Whomever is involved with passing this bill also needs to think about the divide that will be created for black Oregonians who are not ADOS- don't you think this will further create a divide amongst Oregonians who are black that are not ADOS? This is a touchy subject. This action would seem to further separate people and create more of a perpetuated 'victimization' mentality. The sum should also be one sum not a yearly payment of over \$100,000 a year! This is fiscally irresponsible and it needs to be revised. Can Oregon afford this and who as a whole will this impact in the long run?

But before we talk about reparations, I find it necessary to talk about the welfare system and how it actually oppresses black American Oregonians. Instead of prolonging the welfare system and keeping the system 'broken' – leaders of Oregon should push incentives to keep black dads in the house and encouraging a stable family household. I know there are a lot of programs that prolong this broken welfare system to offer more payouts and incentives for single moms if the man isn't apart of the family. There are much more broken programs in Oregon that need to be looked at first before reparations are even entertained.

Please vote to Reject this Bill SB619. Vote NO