

Dear Representatives,

Thank you for serving our state during a unique time in history. It is unique, clearly, for many reasons, but one is that we are at a point of reconciliation between Oregon's past and future. As a state, I believe we are deciding what gifts we will bring forward, and what legacies are best set aside on the shelves of history. I am strongly in favor of this bill.

Oregon has grown and changed as a state since the era represented by "Oregon, my Oregon," and it is time to create an inclusive process for choosing a new State Song to celebrate and bless our state's path forward. This bill presents an excellent opportunity to set aside an outdated artifact of an era celebrated empire and domination, despite their devastating costs, and that celebrated Oregon as a homeland for White people.

The time is clearly right for a song that can bring the voices of every Oregonian into harmony. Please move this bill forward.

Thank you.