

I respectfully request that you vote no on this bill. I think that making this a happen as a legislative act will only increase the divide we have in society today. History should be taught in an unbiased way, learning the flaws of both sides and the triumphs of both sides. The fact that American history and the history of Oregon have not been taught for many years has not helped. This bill is showing a view of things that will only divide all students and staff. The very premise of the belief that America was founded when the first slave ship arrived is false. I have been a student of American History for many years. Oregon students should have the same ability to study our history understanding the times, the intent, and the consequences of history and use their own minds reach their own conclusions. This curriculum is lacking in any verifiable, objective facts and the truth needs to be presented, not a biased version of statements that create a victimization mentality.