

Hello,

I am writing in support of HB 2329. Our state song, while historically understandable, is outdated and - by virtue of the lyrics - unsingable. The idea of replacing it comes in the middle of an important movement: the movement to not only REFLECT various constituencies, but to INCLUDE them in decision-making. Beyond improved content, having an inclusive process will mean that there are now "champions" to promote the state song to their various constituencies. This will result in the song being better known, and more likely to function as something that Oregonians can both identify with and rally around. Please pass HB 2329.

Sincerely,

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