

Hi - I think I am a bit confused here? Exactly when in Oregon's history was Oregon a slave state? Wouldn't we have to be a state that supported and engaged in slavery in order for "reparations" to even be considered? I have read through the pros and cons testimony and find I am completely against this bill! And, again, Oregon is not nor ever was a slave state so the "state" has no business even engaging in discussions, at least for our state, about reparations to the descendants of slaves! I suggest you wrap up this bill and send it to the US Southern States and maybe the federal government as this is more in their purview than Oregon's! It was the southeastern US states that engaged in and benefited from slavery NOT OREGON and any discussion on reparations should be coming from and through those states.

I am not clear how a bill of this nature even wound up on the state legislature's plate - except there is widespread hysteria around blacks in the press and through mediums like BLM. I know that the black caucus in Oregon probably initiated this bill - but again, this specific bill has no place even being heard in Salem let alone becoming a law! This is a poorly thought out bill and even suggests that the state pay an annual stipend to the blacks in this specific category!