

I'm writing in to voice support for HB2329 to create public process to develop a new state song. Voices of marginalized Oregonians are important, and should be heard and reflected in a new state song, rather than rehashing lyrics to a hymn that celebrates colonialism. The history we learn in schools, sing in our songs, and repeat to our next generations has repercussions, let's pass on something new that lifts up the voices that have been forced into the sidelines or violently silenced by dominant culture.