

Hello Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing in support of SB683 - Requiring school districts to provide instruction on racist history of this country and state. In 2020, Oregon ranked 40th in education. But we have had a void in complete education for much longer. Oregon was founded in racist beliefs. Though we get credit for having a "liberal" reputation, this is all in show and marketing. Black and Indigenous Oregonians are still deeply affected by these foundations. To move forward with equality and equity for everyone in our state, we need to focus on education of where we came from and then we can focus on where to go from here. Please join me in supporting SB683.

Thank you.