

Hello committee members,

My name is Kristen and I live in Multnomah County. I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the critical legislation HB 2337.

The mental, physical and emotional harm that racism causes to people of color is horrific and intense. It has the power to destroy the lives of BIPOC persons and families. Now is the time to truly acknowledge that Oregon was founded on racism and racist ideas, which result in racist policies. We are desperately in need of intentional, accelerated actions in order to break this cycle and begin to treat people of color more fairly- not just in word, but in policy.

Frankly, this legislation is long overdue. We need to pass HB 2337 now. Please prioritize and champion this legislation.

Thank you for your time and service,
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