

Hi, my name is Abdirahim Mohamoud and I am the president of the black student union at Tigard highschool. I am here today in support of HB 3363. I have been In the Tigard Tualatin School District for 12 years not once have I ever felt comfortable in my skin. From the racial stereotypes like I am only fast cause I am black or I enjoy Kentucky fried chicken to literal racial slurs like cotton picker, slave, and both variations of the n-word i was helpless. From the uncomfortably of racial stereotypes to the disrespectful nature of racial slurs 12 years of my k-12 education was filled with fear, Fear not only for me but the many kids behind me to come who would go through the same. My school failed me, My District failed me and my state failed me. We can be better though. The schools and the districts are trying there best as a member of the Tigard Tualatin student union we are in constant conversation to make our district more equitable but while the school has ODE or OSBA to ask for advice who do students have. We have no group to look up too. No group to lead the way for a conversation that is long overdue. Give the students the resources they need and allow them to show you what they can do. To the critics who are against HB 3363 all I have to say is that generations of people previously and yet to come are watching you today. I am beginninging you to please not let them down. Please.