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If I injure someone or damage his property, I should compensate him. But I have never owned a slave. I haven't even failed to pay someone I hired to do work. My parents didn't own slaves. Nor did my grandparents. I haven't any record of who my "greats" were, so I don't know. But they should pay whomever they enslave. Oh, what? You say they're all dead? Yeah! That's the point.

This is a very bad idea. No good can come from it. It's a set-back. Separating one set of folks with some characteristics or history from another set of folks. History records that at one time or another all people-groups have enslaved others. In our own country, blacks have owned slaves. So have indigenous peoples. But we ended slavery, and we were among the first nations to do so. Don't believe the 1619 lies. The American "melting pot" has offered those who came (and who come today) opportunities to overcome hardships and prosper. That's why my grandparents came (I'm just second generation!). That's why people are still trying to come to the USA. All that "reparations" would accomplish is redistribution of wealth in a communist/Marxist fashion. It's racism on steroids. "Welfare" has crippled generations of people, mostly those of color, under the guise of helping. Don't repeat that failure. Don't revive segregation. "Affinity grouping" does that. This bill legislates divisiveness. SB 776 is a very bad idea. No good can come from it.