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I am in full support of this measure! In order to move forward with creating a more fair, just, and coherent society we need to have understanding of our past deeds and the systems still at work today that are unjust and discriminatory. We need to make repair where we can. This bill is a first step in this process. We need to catalog the harms our society has done and continues to do to African American people. They hold a unique place in our long just history and have embodied unique harms by our hands. While I personally believe the debt can never be fully paid I want the truth to be codified. I know truth always has to come before reconciliation so this bill will bring into light some of that truth. For those not wanting to even look at the harms done, not wanting to feel the injustice and think by not knowing it shields us from responsibility you are mistaken. Until we face the systemic issues that have and continue to oppress black people we will never have peace or true prosperity. Please pass this bill and let's begin the process.