Submitter: Harold McNaron On Behalf Of: Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs Measure: **SB776** Because this is not about charity, but a move towards repair for stolen labor + stolen lives Because family Because love Because knowing is powerful Because silence is the comforter of oppression while voice holds opportunity for change Because this is trauma-informed care Because of contemporary state violence rooted in these past harms and systems **Because Black lives matter** Because the 7 generations before + the 7 generations ahead Because all freedom is rooted in truth-telling Because Vanport Because lash laws Because sundown towns **Because Black lives matter** Because of who we say we are Because of who we actually are **Because Black lives matter** Because humanity Because of civil and human rights Because knowing is better than not knowing **Because Black lives matter**

Because love