

The opposition to SB1583 seems based on the promotion of prejudice and ignorance caused by fear of acknowledging the contributions of persons or groups protected from such discrimination by ORS 659.850, namely those who [(1)] (a) Are Native American; [(2)] (b) Are of European, African, Asian, Pacific Island, Chicano, Latino, Middle Eastern or Jewish descent; [(3)] (c) Have disabilities; [(4)] (d) Are immigrants or refugees; or [(5)] (e) Are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

To deny inclusion in educational material of the contributions to our country's history by those people and groups or their history outside of our country is to rob them of their rightful recognition. I strongly support the passage of SB1583. Prejudice and ignorance must have no place in our educational system.