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against potential employers.

In the amended bill, the Bureau of Labor and Industries is charged with enforcing the law.

Nearly all Democratic Oregon State Senators voted for the

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legislation, as well as four Republican Senators including Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli and Sen. Jackie Winters.

Winters, who co-carried the bill along with Sen. Michael Dembrow, brought her personal experience to the law.

She spoke about her late husband, Marc "Ted" Winters, who arrived at the Oregon State Penitentiary at 17 years old and was incarcerated for over two decades.

In 1967, Ted Winters was given a second chance when he was asked to be part of Gov. Tom McCall's staff.

Winters said there were only two miles between the Oregon State Penitentiary and the Governor's office -- a short distance to travel, but seemingly impossible for ex-convicts.

Winters also wrote in a press release about how the bill could benefit communities of color who are incarcerated at a higher rate.

"We know that people of color are disproportionately caught up in our criminal justice system, and thus are disproportionately harmed by employers' criminal background

Juneteenth

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Marshal. The parade travels on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard between NE Jarrett and NE Knott streets before ending at Legacy Emanuel Field.

The festival continues in the park until 6 p.m. with musical performances, foods, arts and crafts, a play area for children and more.

The event features a Historical Pavilion where actors will portray historical figures such as Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass.

The Vancouver NAACP is hosting a Juneteenth event with the theme of "Black Lives Matter," which will take place at Marshall

Community Center Park located next to the Marshall Community Center.

There will be fly fishing demonstrations, a

Blues Texas Style BBQ.

The guest speaker highlighted at the Vancouver celebration is Debra Jenkins, Ph.D

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homemade sweet potato pie contest and talent show. Food will be provided by Foody

candidate and Clark College faculty member.

Tim Hall, retired Portland Water Bureau official and community liaison for the Juneteenth Oregon event, said the day shines light on some of the darkest parts of American History and honors those who experienced slavery in America.

"Slavery in America is something a lot of people wish forgotten," Hall says. "Juneteenth is an annual reminder that the ancestors of African-Americans endured 245 years of bondage that took the lives of more than 17 million Black slaves. We should never forget them. Everyone should celebrate their courage."

Models

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these moments, he cannot recall the names of these same women he'd captured all those years ago.

He'd like to change that, though. In fact, if possible, he'd like to convene all the women again for a "celebration of beauty," as he calls it.

Forster estimates that the women were all somewhere around their 20s when he took the pictures back in 1975, putting them all somewhere in their 60s today.

"I can't imagine if we can find one or two of the women that are still around here, that they wouldn't know some of the friends," Forster says. "Things could spread. It'd be fun to see it spread, and kind of grow. A reunion might happen!"

Already, he has some things in place for what reconnecting would look like.

Design Week Portland's Todd Foulk has already agreed to display the images and next year's festivities in April 2016. To sweeten the pot, if the women can be identified in time, Foulk's agreed to allow free entry for each of them.

But that's just one option of many he's open to. He'd also like to recreate the photo

shoots, if the models are interested.

"If people are not too embarrassed about it, and we could get it to turn and put a positive spin on it. I think it'd be a riot, I think it'd be a party," he says.

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"The light was bouncing into this corridor, where are these women were lined up to go on to the stage to do this fashion presentation," he recalled. "And the light was so beautiful. The girls were so beautiful that I just started shooting away."

Word of mouth start to spread, and a few other women joined Forster for the downtown fashion shoots.

More than 60 rolls of film forever encapsulate the handful of outings Forster went on with the women.

"These gals were just a kick, because they were having fun," he says. "If they were having fun, I'm having fun."

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S.C.A.T.S.



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Members of the Dearborn Park International School S.C.A.T.S. (Seattle Cirque & Acrobat TeamS) team perform for a large appreciative crowd at the annual Beacon Hill Festival, June 6 at Jefferson Community Center. The festival features carnival games, food and live music and entertainment.

check procedures," Winters says.

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The bill is now with the State House of Representatives for re-approval before being sent to Gov. Kate Brown.

If adopted, Oregon will join 17 other states that have passed some version of "ban the box" legislation.