

# 'With this bill ... we can learn from another time and dedicate to changing the future'

Oregon a step closer to making Juneteenth a holiday

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Oregon is one step closer to observing the proclamation of the end of slavery in the United States as a state holiday.

The Senate voted 28-0 on Tuesday to make June 19 Oregon's 10th official state holiday starting in 2022.

Most states have given it official recognition, but few have made it a legal holiday.

It's popularly known as "Juneteenth," which commemorates June 19, 1865, when the news of the Emancipation Proclamation was brought to Galveston, Texas. Two months earlier, Confederate forces under Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to the Union Army led by Gen. U.S. Grant at Appomattox Court-house in McLean, Virginia, ending the Civil War.

"That is basic historic information, but it does not do really justice to the emotions involved here," Sen. Lew Frederick, a Democrat from Portland and one of three Black senators, said in presenting the bill. "Sometimes a picture is needed."

#### Four photos, four generations

Frederick proceeded to do just that in four family photos — enlarged for the presentation — that cover four generations and tell much of the story of Black America from the Civil War to today.

The first depicted his great-grandfather, Robert Johnson, who was born into slavery,



State Sen. Lew Frederick today. Pamplin Media Group

but joined the Union Army as a boy as it marched into Mississippi. Frederick said his forebears were likely slaves owned by Jefferson Davis, a Mississippi plantation owner who was president of the Confederacy, and also a former U.S. secretary of war and U.S. senator.

But when the photo was taken in 1954, Johnson, then 103, is standing next to one of his daughters — Frederick's grandmother — Frederick's parents, and Frederick's sister Carla. Lew, then only 3, was in front. (His brother David was born a few months later.) It was before a professional at Southern University, a historically Black college in Louisiana, where Frederick's father was a young biology professor.

"It was a proud day for him," Frederick recalled. He paused and his voice cracked, "A family going from slaves in Mississippi to university biology professor."

When the Civil War ended and Blacks learned they were free — the 1863 Emancipa-

tion Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln had freed slaves in the 11 states of the Confederacy — Frederick said his forebears had two reactions.

"The family stories say joy was the first emotion, next, skepticism," he said. "Active and often deadly reactions followed against freed African Americans by whites fearful they might be treated the way they had treated their former slaves. But hope stood at the center of a possible future for my family."

The second photo depicts his grandparents in Hayti, Missouri, where they were sharecroppers and teachers, plus his father, four siblings and a neighbor. Frederick said they left Mississippi because of restrictions on teaching Black children to read.

"They moved to Missouri, where they could get books," he said. "Of course, the books were the books that had been thrown out by the white schools, but they were books. The hope continues to this day, and so does the skepticism. The two dance together in our time."

The third photo depicts Frederick as a boy marching with his mother, his sister and others in Atlanta, most likely in the 1960s. He is holding a sign protesting the jailing of Ashton Jones, a white Quaker minister who was a close associate of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the civil rights leader.

The fourth photo is more recent. It depicts Michelle Obama with Frederick's par-



Four generations of the American Dream. Lew Frederick as a child (bottom, front) is surrounded by his mother, father, baby sister, grandmother and great-grandfather in Louisiana in 1954. His great-grandfather Robert Johnson, a former slave emancipated by Abraham Lincoln, sent eight children to college and watched them graduate. His grandmother started what was to become the Missouri Head Start and his father was a noted botanist.

ents in 2015, when she became the second presidential spouse — and the spouse of the first Black president — to speak at a commencement ceremony at Tuskegee University, another historically Black college in Alabama. The first was Eleanor Roosevelt back in 1941, when it was Tuskegee Institute, and she flew with what became the Tuskegee Airmen. Frederick's father was present at both ceremonies, 74 years apart.

Frederick, a communications consultant and a former reporter, said that photo hangs in his parents' bedroom today.

"It's what keeps me going," he said. "That sense of hope keeps the community going as well, despite the fact there are folks who want to return to the deep Confederacy in whatever way they can."

A year ago, after the murder of George Floyd, the city of Portland and Multnomah County declared June 19 a holiday. Gov. Kate Brown said then she would seek to make June 19 a legal holiday; HB 2168 was introduced at her request.

"With this bill, this proclamation, we can learn from another time and dedicate to changing the future in real time without waiting for the news of equality to arrive on horseback," Frederick said. "I recognize the efforts to resisting the arc of history bending toward justice will always be there. But this new holiday recognizes that the people of Oregon, despite our past, can take the veil of ignorance away and each year celebrate hope on Juneteenth. It is a marker to read and remember."

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## Advocates hopeful climate bill can pass

Associated Press  
SALEM — Oregon would adopt one of the country's most ambitious timelines for eliminating carbon dioxide emissions from its power grid under a bill being considered by the Legislature this year.

House Bill 2021 — a product of negotiations between the state's largest utilities, environmental justice groups, renewable energy boosters and more — advanced out of one House committee late last month. It must now navigate the state budgeting process before final votes in the House and Senate.

The bill sets a timetable by which Oregon's two major power companies, Portland General Electric and Pacific Power, must eliminate emissions associated with the electricity they provide. Five "electricity service suppliers" in the state also would face regulation, though their emissions are tiny compared to the big utilities.

At least 17 other states and the District of Columbia have already adopted similar goals, according to the Clean Energy States Alliance.

But advocates say Oregon's plan stands out in both approach and timeline. The bill requires PGE and Pacific Power to submit plans to reduce emissions by 80% from a baseline amount by 2030, 90% by 2035, and completely eliminate emissions by 2040.

That end date is notably ambitious. It's a nearer deadline than nearly every other state that has adopted a clean power plan, including Washington and California.

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