

**Testimony for HB 171
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Testifying as Proponent**

Chair Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee,

My name is Elliot Kim-Stone. I live in Columbus and I am a third grader and I am Asian American. I want Asian American history to be taught. It should be taught, actually.

It's like the story of George Takei when he was put into a different incarceration camp just because he had a Japanese face. Some people are saying that we're not American even though we are American. I also want to learn more about myself because I'm interested in stuff like what happened to Asian Americans. What happened to Asian Americans a long time ago? And why did people not thank the Chinese railroad workers for making it easier to travel? I'm curious about what happened in the war [the Korean War] that my 할아버지 [Korean word for Grandpa] was escaped from. So Asian American history should be taught because it is also American history.

Thank you for your time.