## Oppose SB 205

Selecting officials based on race? What about HCBUs that requires some special representation in the BoR? Why is only the black race being singled out?

More importantly, in recent years the current Board of Regents demonstrated absolute lack of interest in the issues that the community had with various college administration and policies. That was clearly demonstrated by the Board's rejection of public comments, having meetings in private, and lack of response to verbal and written requests. The Board preference to assert their own authority and ignore the needs of a broader community.

Assigning special (preferred?) candidates to the BoR will not fix any issues at the Board and will not improve management of the USM. As legislators, please demand investigation into the Board's practices and require accountability for past actions.

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