

To the Honorable Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs Sprenger and Gorsek, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for hearing Senate Bill 1008 in the House Judiciary Committee. I am a board member at Lane Education Service District, and we work with many schools to help all students succeed and thrive. We understand the importance of having a growth mindset - when students struggle academically or in life, they need a deserve a second chance to try again.

Measure 11 unfairly holds students to adult standards, and establishes minimum sentences no less than 70 months (5 years, 10 months) for youth as young as 15 year old. As a parent and en educator, I know that children do not benefit from overly harsh punishments. Just enough, but not too much is the best approach.

SB 1008 provides a correction to many of the flaws of M11, and recognizes that children's developing brains are different from adults'. They need time to grow up and learn from mistakes, not spend year or decades in prison, especially in adults DOC prison, when the rehabilitative approach and connection to supportive adults at OYA is much more beneficial - not just for the youth who are going through the accountability process, but also for the community they eventually we will return. Youth who serve time in adult prison are much more likely to commit additional crimes. Let's do the smart thing, the compassionate thing, and the right thing and vote YES on SB 1008.

Thank you so much for leading this conversation,
Sincerely
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