

Measure 11 is a law/bill that is not what the voters voted into place in 1994. We did not vote for Oregon to turn into a one strike you're out state. Did not vote for any one accused of any crime to go to prison even if there isn't DNA, evidence or witnesses, he said she said. First Time offenders are at high risk because of Measure 11. There isn't any second chances. Once locked up they have to serve their term, day for day. Nothing is there for any AIC to prove the one time occurrence is not who they are. Everyone messes up at least once in their life. Some just don't get caught. But first time offenders that do, should have the right to prove they are good people and willing to learn from that mistake.

Every human has been taught from birth about incentives. Potty training, eating and trying new food, get good grades in school, do well at your job to get promoted or a raise, etc. All came with a prize, some a certificate. Without incentives people are not motivated. Earning Good Time / Sentence Reduction is an incentive and would change the moral of the majority within the prison walls. It would give them a reason to not get into fights, respect others, take classes, hold a job and respect others. By changing the moral within the prisons it would also be a safe environment for employees.

I am the co-founder of Time Does Not Fit The Crime. Our name came about because the majority of sentences do not deserve the amount of time they are given. Even though M11 says it has to go by the book. My son is serving an 11 year sentence for the same charges of others that only got 5 years. His case is a he said, she said, no evidence, no DNA, not witnesses. He's doing 11 years because he confessed under duress of being interrogated for 5 1/2 hours at 24 years of age, he gave up and confessed thinking he would be let go. Even the judge apologies to him and told him he would not have gone to prison if it was up to him but with M11 it was out of his hands and that he was sorry. I hear this over and over on the length of sentences. Time Does Not Fit The Crime. My son is doing good because I have given him incentives to stay out of trouble by fighting for their rights and giving them hope with this bill and asking for it to be retroactive.

For some, prison is like being on vacation. They don't have to do their laundry, their dishes, clean a full house, worry about bills or a place to live. As long as they abide by the rules, easy peasy! Most don't abide by the rules or respect DOC employees because it doesn't make a difference in there. They all get out at the end of their sentence whether they stay out of trouble or not. They all serve their full sentence, day for day.

Ask yourself this question: who would you want living by you or your family, person A or B? If person A gets into fights, spends most of his time in segregation, doesn't respect anyone, doesn't hold a job - serves his full sentence day for day OR person B who abides by the rules, respects others, holds a job and is entitled to sentence reduction and gets out a year or so early? I personally choose B who has proven he has changed. Oregon would be a safer community upon their release if they had incentives to achieve a better live. SB191 needs to be passed to not only give new cases Sentence Reduction but those that make up our prisons now. We want a safer community now, not just five or so years down the road when new criminals get out.

Please pass SB191 to give hope, incentives, better moral and a safe community within the prison and once they are released.