

SB191

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate Committee,

The Oregon prison system has been flooded with persons convicted under Ballot Measure 11, myself being one of them. Many of the people convicted in this matter are first time offenders who got nailed to an excessively long punishment in which they rott in prison for a set amount of time. The general public calls prison a place for rehabilitation. With the Oregon prison budget constraints there hasn't been much of anything available to have one become better as in treating whatever ails them. The only real programs available are NA, AA, and Angermanagement. Those are easily accessed in the free world.

For a highly educated person such as myself I am a first time offender stuck with a 20 year sentence. After 10 1/2 years I have lost so much of what I've paid out to learn. The prison system hasn't helped in anyway. It has only hindered my ability to help the community.

The subject of giving "good time" to individuals under BM11 only makes sense. If a person is staying in line and can earn an incentive such as "Good time," they are more apt to "Want" to do good.

We all know there are many bad or goodish people not under BM11 that get good time because they are staying the course. For the ones of us who have maintained a 100%

compliance to ODOC policies and standards it could be very healthy to have a goal that can be reached of 20% or 30% good time. Psychologically standing implementing good time would be good not only for the prisoner, but their family they get more time with, and being free again helps stimulate the local economy/ community even if just a small bit.

I Austin Emory Vanderpool ask that you put forth Good Time as a goal and incentive for those of us who are doing well. The sooner a person can get out the sooner they will be able to change. Prison typically freezes a person in whom they are and the change doesn't occur until they seek it in their community. Please allow this change to happen so we all can be back with the ones we love, and the ones who love us starting our lives over in a positive way. Change is inevitable, please do not hinder change.

Thank You Much-

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