

I strongly support the passing of SB191. Mandatory minimum sentences under Ballot Measure 11 have been extremely detrimental to Oregon's local communities. Many people who have served over a decade of their sentence don't need to be held for another few years, it is a waste of resources. I have witnessed this detriment personally, as a dear friend has been in prison for most of their adult life. My friend has been ready and eager to restart their life and has not caused any issues in their facility. They deserve to be rewarded for their initiative, not excessively punished for their actions over 15 years ago. SB191 is especially necessary now, during a global pandemic that is decimating prison populations. It is safer and more humane for everyone to repeal Measure 11. It's time to ease the burden on Oregon's prison system and, by extension, Oregon taxpayers. Please pass SB191 and repeal Measure 11, an archaic and unnecessary policy.