

Measure 11 (ORS 137.700) was the response to the 'war on drugs', with increased focus on punishment for crimes, thinking that harsher penalties would deter criminal behavior. What it did was 'warehouse' individuals who may have received lesser sentences with judicial discretion. First time offenders and career offenders were receiving the same sentence. And at the same time did not provide a means for Adults in Custody to rehabilitate in Oregon's corrections system.

Currently, individuals serving time under ORS 137.700, are not eligible for reduction of sentence and not able to accumulate 'good time' under ORS 421.121, and SB 191 would remedy this situation.

With minimum sentences and no opportunity for gaining good time, there is no incentive for Adults in Custody (AIC) to participate in 'classes' or (Oregon Department of Corrections) ODOC sponsored programs which would support cognitive and behavioral changes of AIC.

According to Oregon Department of Correction's Director, the "Oregon Way" is to provide opportunities for, and treat Adults in Custody (AIC) as future neighbors, by providing programs and classes for AIC transformation.

SB 191 aligns with Director Peters idea of treating AIC as neighbors by giving the chance to learn (from ODOC programs) and apply learned skills to be future good neighbors. Providing the incentive to possibly receive a shorter sentence, by getting 'good time' would enhance and support a transformational justice ideal.

Individuals sentenced after implementation of 137.00 in 1995 are no better or worse than those sentenced in 2021, and providing 'good time' and potential reduced sentences would seem fair.

Justice for one should be justice for all. Oregon constitution Article 1, section 20. No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens.—If 'good time' can be gained by future adults in custody, current AIC in the care of Oregon Department of Correction would not benefit from this statutory change. And would not be receiving equal treatment and does not seem to align with the Oregon's constitution . SB 191 on passage would provide equal opportunity for passed and future convictions under 137.700.

I urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to pass SB 191 and allow it to move to the full Senate.
With Gratitude.