

In Opposition to HJR 5

HJR 5 categorically takes away the right of the people, through the ballot process to effectuate the true will of the people into the OR constitution. The "WILL OF THE PEOPLE" is the edifice of the American constitution and gives all state citizens the right to decide the affairs of their government.

The right to fish, hunt or wildlife without allowing the citizens of OR to have a direct voice in the legislative process is unconstitutional. The most concerning provision "is subject only to laws enacted by the Legislative Assembly and rules adopted by state agencies to promote sound wildlife conservation and management..." which limits the legislative processes to this particular point only to the legislative Assembly.

Second, the right to hunt, in the 21st century categorically goes against the environment, causes unregulated death to animals and is in itself inhumane. Hunting laws already exist and a ban on them has never been introduced because this right means much to a few concerned citizens of the state. As Hunting laws are already on the books and no-one has taken them off, there is no need to create the constitutional right to hunt. In essence, this is overregulation and there are dire consequences to that. For example, overregulation creates the need for more laws, in relation to quotas, public land use, hunting limits and those laws can never be effectively enforced. I hereby, in my personal capacity oppose this resolution.

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