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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR20

Oppose HJR 20

Dear Members of the House Committee on Rules,

High school students in Oregon are given minimal education on the US Constitution or the Oregon Constitution, not to mention how the Legislature works. They do not understand taxation, health and health behavior, energy, and economics to name just a few.

Before this could ever be considered students this young would need to be given an exam with a standard. Unfortunately,

Oregon public schools have done away with testing standards and have replaced that with equity.

There is no good reason the lower the age especially considering so few take part in our elections as it stands. More effort needs to be put towards educating the population 18 and older, as well increasing confidence in fair elections.

Oregon's elections are not secure: the only requirement to vote in Oregon is a utility bill.

People have lost faith in the election process because of Vote by Mail and Tally Machines.

Remember back when you are 16-17. There is no reason to amend the Oregon Constitution: citizens mature and get some real life experience before exercising their right to vote.

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