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I strongly oppose this bill. I do not believe that 16 or 17 year olds should be able to vote in school district elections. The legal age to vote in the state of Oregon is 18 and I do not think an exception should be made with regards to electing school boards. What is the reason for the House Committee to be pushing this bill? Could it be because they are threatened by the growing number of parents who are worried about the future of our schools and are pushing back on the agenda that seems to have inundated school boards across our state and the country? An agenda that seems to be solely focused on DEI, gender ideology and SEL rather than educating the children in our state to the best of our ability? Oregon is ranked near the bottom of all 50 states in education and it is time to get back to the basics...teaching writing, reading, math, science, history, etc. Most 16 and 17 year olds do not follow the school boards, nor do they care about who is on the boards. They simply want to go to school, socialize with their friends and learn. Let's leave the decision making at the board level to the parents who are the tax payers in their respective districts, who care about their schools and educators and who have their children's best interests at heart.