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As the parent of three teenagers, I oppose HJR 20 and urge Oregon legislators to please leave our children alone. Children have a lifetime of responsibility and voting ahead of them. They need to be children first. Their voices and citizenship should be heard and exercised in a responsible, respectful, and pedagogical manner through student government in school.

Why continue to burden children with adult responsibilities at such young ages when Oregon legislation hasn't even provided students a quality education to support the informed decision making skills required for responsible voting? Over the years, Oregon legislation has reduced graduation requirements, prioritized sex and gender over academics, allowed OEA politics to overtake classrooms, and has removed parental consent from children's health care decisions. This is irresponsible governing.

Children do not have the ability to understand consequence of action. Children do not pay the taxes their vote would require of them. HJR 20 is child exploitation. Please do not support HJR 20.