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Measure: HB3206

I oppose.

Persons under the age of 18 are considered a Minor, and not yet ready to assume the adult rights of adult citizens. All minors under the age of 18 require the co-signature of a legal guardian for any legally binding document. It would then be illogical, irrational, and senseless to allow for minors to participate in the voting of school board members.

What motivation would there be to propose such a bill? Would it be possible that legislators would propose this bill in addition to the bill to lower the voting age to 16 so as to harvest ballots and impact school board elections through the coercing or bribing of impressionable and vulnerable minors? Would legislatures propose this bill for 16 year olds to vote in school board elections so they could impact the outcome of such elections? What other reason could there possibly be for a legislature to propose a MINOR participate in school board elections?

I oppose.

ORS 109.510
Age of majority
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Except as provided in ORS 109.520 (Majority of married persons), in this state any person shall be deemed to have arrived at majority at the age of 18 years, and thereafter shall:

- (1) Have control of the person's own actions and business; and
- (2) Have all the rights and be subject to all the liabilities of a citizen of full age.

[Amended by 1973 c.827 §14; 2005 c.22 §91]