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I am firmly against this bill. I want to be clear in the fact that I absolutely agree that the voice of our youth is important. However I also feel that it is the job of the adults to vote and of the adults to get the necessary feedback from thier school age children to make decisions. "Not" for non adult children to actually cast votes themselves. Their young amazing minds are not yet developed and need to go through the filters of an adult to be heard.

I also feel that our education system in general in our state is a failure as we are ranked the lowest at #50 in the USA. That alone makes me think that the things pushed in our Oregon schools are not preparing our youth for these decisions and in fact it's likely that many of our educators are actually indoctrinating and damaging our youth. Because of this I believe they need more real world experience, tax burden, bills to pay, and overall insight that of an adult to make voting decisions.

Truthfully I think the age of 18 is already to low to vote and also to join the military. I don't think that used to be the case but this day in age we don't have the same family structure and moral compass being instilled in our youth we once had.

I not only lean towards not dropping the age to vote I in fact lean towards making the voting age more in line with the drinking and smoking age of 21 since that is when we believe minds are strong enough to make those decisions.