

Oregon House Bill 2988

To: Senate Rules Committee

From: Kelsey Douglas

High School Student

Re: HB 2988, please vote yes

Date: 5-22-13

Chair Rosenbaum and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Kelsey Douglas and I'm a Junior at West Linn High School. I support House Bill 2988, to allow 16 year olds to pre-register to vote while applying for their license.

Motor Voter was designed to get more young people involved in the voting process by allowing them to pre-register to vote when they apply for their license. Since legislation changed to provide this access to 17 year olds and above, this is an opportunity that is missed by the majority of 16 year olds. Teens tend not to wait to get their license past 16, and won't have to return to the DMV for several years after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lowering the voter registration age to 16 will allow more Oregonians to take advantage of Motor Voter and engage more young people, like me, in the democratic process.

Please Vote Yes on House Bill 2988.

Kelsey Douglas

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