

SB 571 Incarcerated Voting

I am opposed to allowing voting by felons that are currently incarcerated. My understanding is that criminals that have completed any jail time cannot vote until all required fines are paid. This proposal restores the right to vote to persons that have rejected the laws and requirements as evidenced by conviction and sentencing for the crime. They will not have completed even the first phase of punishment for not meeting the basic requirements of society. In my opinion, voting should only be restored when all jail time, fines and restitution is completed. The phrase being "paying their debt to society." If rights are being restored to criminals while still in jail where does it stop. To take this to the "logical conclusion" are second amendment rights the next right to be restored to felons while in jail. This proposal is not good for the well being of the State of Oregon and should be stopped.