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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 4009
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I OPPOSE [HB 4009].

Taken from the Text of [HB 4009], "SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall study the effect of different types of sentences on rates of recidivism."

[HB 4009] is an 'open-ended study' without regards to a stated budget and or funding source.

[HB 4009] gives the impression if the criminal keeps committing crime the 'sentence' for recidivism might be 'lowered'.

[HB 4009] is a waste of time. If a criminal repeats their criminal behavior, the remedy is readily apparent to the learned mind-lock the criminal up and 'throw-away the key'.

[HB 4009] is most probably designed for the criminal element who were arrested and re-arrested several times during riots-you all know; the riots in Portland you folks in the Legislature, the entire worthless Portland City Council and the egregiously inept District Attorney for Multnomah County permitted to occur, night after night for in excess of one-hundred (100+) nights. I remember, due to the mass release of these criminals, the Oregon State Police refused to offer 'Mutual Aid' so as not to put their Officers in 'Harms' Way'.

Let us not forget all the criminals released from jail and or prison due to COVID and they recommit crimes and are rearrested.

It is interesting to note as a side-bar issue; everywhere the President Trump prison reform was enacted recidivism went down.

Recidivism can be brought down if the criminal is taught a skill so they might be employable. The 'sealing of their criminal record' should also be discussed to improve chances of gainful employment once released from custody, if the criminal has been 'rehabilitated'. (Remember, we are all sinners and the Apostle Paul was thrown in jail several times.)

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