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On Behalf Of:  
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I highly oppose this bill because expecting children to make responsible adult decisions at such a young age is not responsible or fair to them as they are not mentally or emotionally capable to make those decisions.

The age they become an actual adult is 18 - that in my mind is still young, but at least they will be out of high school or close to graduating. They are not allowed to get tattoos, smoke, gamble, until 18, nor can they enlist in the armed forces until that age.

Their frontal lobes are not developed and they lead with their lizard mind rather than their wise mind when it comes to decision making.

I am mother to two grown daughters -ages 23 & 30; a just turned 28 yo daughter who is not able to adult yet; a mature 15 yo daughter - who also HIGHLY OPPOSES this bill, and has told me she can't imagine still being in high school and being given this responsibility that can effect all of Oregon's citizens. She herself recognizes that her classmates are too immature to be expected to have such an important responsibility.

I implore you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,  
Tammy K  
Mom of many