

Submitter: Elaine Woods
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR 20

I strongly **OPPOSE** HJR 20, which would give 16 year-olds the right to vote.

16 year-olds do not have the mental skills, maturity and experience necessary to have the privilege of voting. Their brains do not fully develop until they are at least in their mid-twenties, which is why the requirement for voting used to be 21.

Voting is an important responsibility and requires thoughtful consideration of policies and an understanding of our state and nation's history, government and issues. Unfortunately, Oregon schools no longer even have requirements for an acceptable level of reading or math skills in order to graduate, and the teaching of history has been replaced with indoctrination and political agendas.

Please enable these teenagers to grow out of their immature yielding to peer pressure and grow into adult responsibilities through education and life experience. 16 year-olds are too immature and easily manipulated to have the responsibility of voting.

Please **vote NO on HJR 20.**