

HOUSE BILL 2006

Opposed

What and where do I begin. What's up with 21 is that a magic number. Have you forgotten your history? Remember what's good for the goose is good for the gander? Let me rephrase that. "Old enough to die for your country but not old enough to vote" not that long ago. I'm sorry that you-all would waste the people's time with this foolishness. You can't have it both ways. Here young man or women take this gun and go to some foreign country and spill your blood for them, thus keeping the war from coming here.

Let's not leave it there! So you want 16 year-olds to vote you say "they are responsible enough." Are you lowering the age to join the Armed Services to 16? NO! Then let's not be foolish. The writers and supporters of this bill would have you believe it would help curb "gang violence." I'm sure we have laws in the books already that cover that, should I list them? How about going after those that commit crimes? How about being strict on crime? How about letting the Police do their jobs and not having them stand down, instead of leaving town for jobs elsewhere.

More laws are not the issue. Lack of education, training, opportunities, open borders and a state who's opened it's doors to drugs and grow operations making for turf wars these are the issues. You lowered the expectations of school children, you run businesses out of town that would employ them turning them into responsible adults. And then you would take and make a large number of "kids" criminals. Wow just wow! ... Let's put Oregon back to work where kids and adults have their self esteem boosted and crime reduces.

Shame on the Legislature even letting this bill come to committee.

Respectful Submitted

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