

Senate Committee on Judiciary:

Praise be to Almighty God, the Creator, Father and Lawgiver who: led the ancestors of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob along with their progeny; is the same in the past, today and into the future; gave His only begotten Son as recompense for the sin for those who He permits to accept His Son and know His Son as the One and Only Lord, Savior and Christ, Jesus. Amen.

NO on SB320.

SB320 provides that a person sentenced to MANDATORY minimum sentence under Ballot Measure 11 (1994), an Oregon Citizens initiated ballot measure passed with 65% of the vote, is eligible for reduction in sentence for appropriate institutional behavior and participation in certain programming unless otherwise ordered by court for substantial and compelling reasons. This is not the intent of Measure 11.

NO on SB320.

SB320 creates a procedure by which the sentencing court may enter supplemental judgment authorizing persons currently serving sentences under Ballot Measure 11 (1994) who were not previously sentenced under measure to be eligible for reduction in sentence. This is not the intent of Measure 11 regardless of how much "good behavior" or programming is claimed by any bureaucrat.

NO on SB320.

Measure 11 was passed by 65% of voters because: they were tired of murderers getting life sentences and serving an average of 8 years; rapists were only sentenced to 2 years in prison, but would often serve just months. This is not the time to reduce sentences with felonies on the rise.

NO on SB320.

Respectfully,

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