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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3012
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House Committee on Rules,

Dear Chair Representative Bowman, Vice-Chairs Representatives Drazan and Pham and members of the Committee:

Re: House Bill 3012

There are three sponsor of this piece of that ought to recall the 2023 regular session when they proposed the same bill—which was overwhelmingly opposed, and in fact was still in committee when the session adjourned. So, what has changed? Nothing. This is still a bad bill. It is more important to stop bad bills than to pass good ones.

Currently in Oregon;

- A person under 18 years is not required to register for the Selective Service System
- A person under 18 years my only obtain a provisional driver's license.
- A person under 21 years is prohibited from purchasing a hand gun.
- A person under 21 years cannot purchase tobacco products.
- A person under 21 years cannot purchase alcohol products.

There are good, solid reasons for the above age limits. It used to be called 'immaturity'. Just what exactly has changed to make an adolescent now qualified to judge who may or may not be fit to lead our school boards, which leadership has a direct impact on property taxes.

Sixteen and seventeen year old children have just barely begun to experience life. Experience is important.

Think; vehicle insurance companies charge higher premiums up until age twenty-five. Why is that?

Think: ever hear the phrase, "Young and dumb" used as an explanation for some behavior?

Supporters may remind you this is only for school board elections. Perhaps that would be the case... initially. But this bill is an excellent example of the old adage regarding a camels head, once through the tent flap... the rest of the camel is soon to

follow.

This piece of legislation is just plain wrong on all accounts and I urge you to table it.

Thank you,

Richard Wisner