SR-82.02

“Ballot Measure 112”
(Statement on Upcoming Election Ballot Measure 112, 2022)

Summary
The Oregon State Constitution currently has language that prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude with an exception for serving as a punishment for a crime. This constitutional amendment would remove this language. This measure would allow programs to be ordered as part of sentencing.¹

WHEREAS Student leaders within the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU) have, in the past, expressed interest in organizational stances on ballot measures;

WHEREAS SB 731 “Authorizes [the] recognized student government of community college or public university, or member of recognized student government, to make [a] statement or issue resolution to promote or oppose ... adoption of [a] ballot measure”;

WHEREAS As representatives whose offices are regularly open for election by the student body, it is worth consideration that its representation of the students’ interests may also extend to those initiatives referred to voters;

WHEREAS The Oregon Constitution, as it stands, allows for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime;

WHEREAS The forced enslavement of any people under any circumstance is an unacceptable violation of human rights;²³

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The following position on ballot measure 112 in the ongoing Oregon General Election concluding on November 8, 2022, is entered by the ASOSU Congress as follows:

Measure 112: Senate Resolution
- The ASOSU supports this measure.
- Referral to voters from the Legislature
- Certified title: “Amends Constitution: Removes language allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime”

¹ Shemia Fagan, Cheryl Myers, and Deborah Scroggin, “Voter’s Pamphlet - Oregon General Election, Measure No.112” (Oregon Office of the Secretary of State, October 10, 2022).
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