MEASURE NO. _____

AMENDS CONSTITUTION: REMOVES LANGUAGE ALLOWING SLAVERY AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE AS PUNISHMENT FOR CRIME

Referred to the Electorate of Oregon by the Legislative Assembly to be voted on at the General Election, November 8, 2022.

Explanation

Ballot Measure __ amends the Oregon Constitution to remove an exception to the prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude, for punishment for crime.

The Oregon Constitution currently prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, but permits slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime. Ballot Measure __ removes all language creating an exception and makes the prohibition against slavery and involuntary servitude unequivocal.

Ballot Measure 112 (Section 34, subsection 2) would work in tandem with Section 41 of the Oregon Constitution, which establishes work requirements for adults in custody, and is not intended to repeal that section.

Ballot Measure __ permits a court, probation agency or parole agency to order a person convicted of a crime to engage in education, counseling, treatment, community service or other alternatives to incarceration, as part of the sentencing for the crime. The education, counseling, treatment, community service or other alternative to incarceration that is ordered must be in line with programs that historically, or in the future, provide accountability, reformation, protection of society or rehabilitation.
Certification:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that, pursuant to ORS 251.215(4), we have prepared the statement described under “Explanatory Statement.”

David Wall

Rep. Barbara Smith Warner

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Margaret Carter

Date