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**Legislature undermines Measure 11**  
***Post says the Legislature should not “veto” the voters***

SALEM, Ore.—Multiple bills are coming out of the Oregon Legislature to circumvent mandatory minimum sentencing for the most violent of crimes under voter-approved Measure 11, all in the name of “saving children from jail.” Accommodating violent criminals shouldn’t be a priority, charges state Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer.

“The Legislature wants to succeed in justice reform but, not only was Measure 11 the intentional will of the voters, it was put in place to punish the most brutal of crimes.” said Post. HB 2295, Rep. Post’s “earned review” bill, would have instead given youth offenders an opportunity to earn a review for early release under certain restrictions.

Post sounded the alarm Monday after receiving a legal opinion from Legislative Counsel (read LC Opinion [HERE](#)), which is a team of lawyers who draft legislation for the 90 members of the Legislature.

“The legal opinion about these bills is very clear to me, my colleagues should remember it requires 40 votes in the House and 20 in the Senate to overturn Measure 11. If they want to scrap Measure 11—give it to the voters to decide,” added Post.

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