

**Lechmere Essay Prize 2023**

**House of Lords reform is once again on the political agenda. Assess the contribution of the chamber as currently constituted in improving the quality of legislation passed by Parliament. If the upper chamber becomes a wholly elected one, is its effectiveness in improving legislation likely to be increased or diminished?**

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