

With public access to these recordings, claims of officer misconduct can be investigated and police agencies can be held accountable. It allows patterns of practice to be discovered. With recordings, mistakes in training and practice can be corrected to prevent liabilities. The ability to make broad public records requests helps determine whether officers or departments have patterns of problems.

With specific regard to SB118:

***ORS 192.502 is amended to read:***

***192.502. The following public records are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505:***

***(41)(a) Audio or video recordings, whether digital or analog, resulting from a law enforcement officer's operation of a video camera worn upon the officer's person that records the officer's interactions with members of the public while the officer is on duty unless:***

***(A) Each member of the public who is recorded consents to the disclosure in writing; or***

If any member of the public who is recorded wants disclosure, then it should be disclosed for their own immediate safety and future civil or criminal liability for consultation with legal counsel.

***No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens.*** First, if you allow disclosure to be suppressed by one, then you deny it to another. If you allow citizen's behavior to be immune to exposure, then you must give it to all; not just for a particular incident. This is a public record. Disclosure must be the assumed always to be in the public interest until proven otherwise.

You state, "immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage." If this is an emergency, that means any citizen may be jeopardy without this. If it constitutes an emergency, then ALL citizens should have the knowledge of these public records.

***(B) The interaction being recorded involves the use of force by a law enforcement officer and the public interest requires disclosure of that particular recording.***

An order by an officer of any sort is use of force because of their authority and intimidation by force of arms. Any request for disclosure is in the public interest. Every time one citizen is not cited and another is, the disclosure of that is in the public interest. Making laws for everyone, but only enforcing them on the middle class or minorities needs to be exposed.

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