

To my elected officials and committee persons:

LC 742

I support the ban on chemical incapacitants and impact projectiles. Law enforcement consistently uses these weapons to harm people. They have repeatedly fired these 'less lethal' projectiles at people's heads, meaning they are trying to maim people or they have terrible aim and training. Both options are disgraceful.

I implore you to pass these measures also because of the environmental effects of CS gas and other chemical aerosols that Law Enforcement are using. What is the effect of these chemicals in our stream run-off? How does this affect our bird and insect population? Are these effects being considered?

And last but not least, are we considering the effects of a chemical weapon that causes respiratory distress during a global pandemic? The use of tear gas, CS gas and other mysterious gasses used in Portland are dangerous. This poses a public health risk that we cannot ignore. Citizens who are protesting well within their first amendment rights are being subjected to unsafe conditions that put their health risk.

Please consider my testimony while reviewing these laws. Please do not allow lobbyists and those with special interests or loyalties to weaken and water down these peices of legislature.

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