

Chair Bynum and Chair Manning and members of the committee, for the record my name is Brizna and I live in Salem, Oregon where we are dealing with an ongoing investigation into racism within our own police department. Thank you for drafting these bills and I want to speak to LC 746. I support this because it is time that police face consequences for their actions. For far too long we have protected police, police that harm and separate families and it is time that we put an end to that. BIPOC families are suffering, we have a history of police harm to BIPOC and it needs to stop. We need to allow healing for traumatized families, and additionally prevent traumatization of more families. We can only do that with accountability for harm caused. We need to ask ourselves "how have we, how have I allowed this to happen for so long?" and then ask "How can I stop it?" Only then can we make Oregon the safest state for ALL families, not just some.

thank you,

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