

Dear Co-chairs Senator Manning and Representative Bynum and Members of the Committee:

My name is Debbie Wong. I live in West Linn. Thank you all for working on bills to address injustice and police accountability. I have some comments as follows.

LC 751: I have concerns regarding the makeup of the commission in LC 751 as compared to LC 746. It seems the Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training has been eliminated in LC 751. My understanding is that the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is very much involved in standards of practice for law enforcement and accountability so it seems they would be a very important part of the commission. The commission will have 4 legislators in LC 751. I have concerns about the influence of police union donations on legislators who are doing the selecting as well as those selected for the commission and the impact it may have on the disciplinary standards to be set. This is particularly concerning to me as I am aware of donations made. There will already be 2 union members representing labor on the commission per LC 751. I hope members of the commission will have a strong vested interest in accountability and the makeup described in LC 746 seems to lend itself more towards this goal than what is in LC 751.

LC 761: I support the intent of the draft, however I worry about the language used & how it is to be defined to achieve the goal desired. Example- how do you define "reasonable"?

LC 762 & LC 763: I fully support transparency and public record of complaints, misconduct, disciplinary actions, use of force.

I thank the council for their time and consideration and allowing me the opportunity to give input.

Respectfully,

Debbie Wong