



STATEMENT RE: LC 821

(Relating to identifying patterns or practices of misconduct by peace officers or by officials or employees of any governmental agency.)

To: Joint Committee On Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform

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Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee:

For the record, my name is Michael Selvaggio, representing the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS).

With 48 hours until the public hearing on LC 821 (Relating to identifying patterns or practices of misconduct by peace officers or by officials or employees of any governmental agency), the only information available publicly to us is the relating clause. As such, ORCOPS cannot render a position without the content of the measure available to us.

While we hope that a draft is prepared by the time of the meeting, I would like to put on record that this timeframe leaves us little opportunity to thoroughly evaluate, discuss, or deliberate on a measure that may have very complex implications.

Our concerns are further underscored by the fact that the omission of a public hearing process during the Second Special Session of 2020 was justified by an assertion that such discussion was undertaken during the interim committee process.

Please ensure that you are allowing time not only for testimony to concepts, but also for stakeholders to review and evaluate drafts.