

Testimony on Legislative Concept 18 for committee on transparent policing and use of force reform

My name is Mike L. from Clackamas County.

Standardizing Police identification across the state is a good idea. However, the summary as written seems insufficient to me. I do not see a clear penalty in the proposed legislation.

Without a clear penalty, these standards lack teeth, and will be easily ignored, especially when needed most.

Furthermore, I feel that if an officer has their insignia covered up or otherwise not obviously displayed while they are in the middle of injuring an arrestee or some other criminal act, then this covering up should be taken as a sign of premeditation, and intent to conceal a crime. This needs to be included in the use of force reform process.

Officers must be held accountable for attempts to circumvent identification, and that means a clear penalty process.

Thank you,  
Mike