

Support of LC 17,18,19, and 20

Hi,

I am a resident of Portland, Oregon writing in support of LC 17, 18, 19, and 20. These bills will make much needed changes but they are still minor steps in solving a much larger problem which will require drastic changes to our policing system.

LC 17 is necessary to mitigate excessive police violence against protestors. Although it could go further and totally eliminate the use of tear-gas in Oregon, limiting the use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles and sound devices will at least provide some physical and judicial relief for individuals exercising their first amendment right.

LC 18 requiring officers to display identification and disclose identification is a mandatory requirement for any successful democracy. Identification is the first step in holding officers accountable.

LC 19 which requires misconduct records of police officers to be available to the public is another necessity for holding officers accountable and it is upsetting these records are not already publicly accessible.

LC 20 will help increase accountability of officers and protect the rights of all Oregon citizens. Once again, I would like to point out that these bills make necessary changes, but they are still a band-aid solution to a much larger problem. I urge the Oregon legislature to continue to evaluate the situation and listen to its constituents to work towards the larger goal of defunding policing structures, reinvesting in communities, and dismantling white supremacy.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration.

Best,

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