

Input regarding Transparent Policing Measures

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On the matter of [LC 763 \(LC 20\)](#), this seems like legislation which would provide support to both officers and civilians. Officers should be accountable to the people for their actions. If we, as a society, uphold officers as extensions of the law, then the law should be treating people in a just and orderly manner. Officers being accountable to the people for their use of force against those same people seems necessary. I do believe that an addition to be made, in the requirements for the report, what made the officer perceive that the use of force was necessary.

On the matter of [LC 762 \(LC 19\)](#), the people should absolutely have access to misconduct records. It has happened too often in recent times where murder has been committed by officers who have a long line of misconduct records. If the officers are upheld as an extension of the law, the law has records available to the people in most other areas and should here too.

On the matter of [LC 742 \(LC 17\)](#), this legislation should be passed. The force used against protestors in Portland has been atrocious, unnecessary, and unconstitutional. Too often the police are the violent perpetrators in these encounters. Legal observers and journalists having been thrown into the street is an obstruction of people's rights. If the press is not free to report, we live in a state of tyranny. The right to assembly must be upheld. The rights of these protestors represent the rights of us all. The crowd dispersal methods have been, again, unnecessarily violent. Instead of representatives listening sooner and letting your constituents who are protesting know that you heard them and were working toward action, the police have been set on crowds in a way that has only proven their point. The police are unnecessarily violent against people who they are supposed to protect. I am in favor of abolishment and redirecting of resources instead of continuing to build this military-grade force that can be used against the people. I do know police officers who are great, dedicated civil servants and I do believe that most officers are in the right circumstances. However, bad is also happening, and we at least need limits and accountability.

Additionally, civil immunity of officers who use excessive force during "riot" dispersal is ridiculous. Representatives, senators, politicians – you must remember that People of Color are your constituents too. Your decisions should be for them too, not just for comfortable white people with money! These bills as expressions of our emergent state are a start, but long term change needs to be thoughtfully and immediately considered.

Thank you,

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