

I write to you in support of the legislature passing LC 19. I have been an ordained Episcopal Priest for over 25 years and am currently living in Sisters. I believe that LC19 is crucial legislation that needs to be passed to protect our law enforcement professionals and to protect the public.

My experience in the church shows the damage that can be done when misconduct records are not made public. For far too long, clergy who were sexually abusing their parishioners were protected by their superiors and moved to other parishes in other cities or states, allowing them to continue to abuse in their next location. The same thing has happened with teachers, physicians and other similar vocations. The percentage of abusive priests, teachers, physicians was/is small but the damage they inflicted was massive.

The same holds for the small percentage of police who abuse their power and commit crimes against people of color in the name of law and order. The negative impact on policing and public trust and safety is untenable and needs to be stopped!

What we have already learned in many other vocations is that keeping disciplinary records private helps no one! It allows for continued misconduct by a few which harms the public and, in turn, actually makes it harder for the majority of police officers to do their job. The record of abusive acts or unjust violence against people of color, and all people, is a history that needs to be made public for public servants.

I urge you to support the passing of LC19!

Thank you!

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#### Misconduct Records - Public

All disciplinary records for all state police officers will be made public, stretching back about 30 years in some cases; all court proceedings, all related investigations available for public. Could mean officers who commit misconduct are accountable to public, cannot move departments or receive promotion without public knowledge of misconduct.

"All-encompassing", consulted with serious advocates on this issue. Longest bill. Request that those interested please read thru full bill to comprehend.

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