

Testimony in support of reforms to policing

To members of the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform:

There is much to be applauded with the reforms proposed and I hope that they can be strengthened and passed without being watered down by the police unions and District Attorney's Association. Now is the time for bold action. Oregonians across the state back these reforms and more. We want alternatives to policing. The current system is not broken - it is acting as intended. As a racist means of controlling Black people and crushing any dissent from any quarter.

All officers need to have their officer number visible on the front, back, and both arms in a distinct color and in a size large enough that it's visible from 10 feet away.

There must be a complete ban on all chemical weapons being used against Oregonians. They are banned in war, they are harmful for the health of the protesters and all those that are inadvertently impacted, and harmful to the environment. They are not directed at one person, as required by the Fourth Amendment, but rather by their nature they are impacting large numbers of people who are nonviolently exercising their first amendment rights. Additionally, loud sounds from LRADs can cause permanent hearing loss, tinnitus, and headaches.

Please pass LC 19 and 20 as written - with no watering down - so that disciplinary records are kept and made available to the public.

Thank you,  
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