

Testimony Police Accountability bill

OR State legislators,

Thank you for taking testimony on the police accountability bill.

I appreciate everything currently in the bill. My primary wish is to see some form of action towards LEOs that addresses potential gangs, brotherhoods within departments that may influence a tendency towards unnecessary violence.

Furthermore, I believe it is necessary for police and sheriff departments and individual officers to be investigated for potential ties to white supremacist militias.

There have been too many instances where police have acted peacefully towards armed and violent white supremacists, white nationalists, neo-Nazis, Proud Boys and other related groups while reacting violently towards anti-racist protestors.

Potential ties to such groups in law enforcement should not be tolerated.

In fact, an example of a society slipping into fascism is when police work with or turn a blind eye to militias and vigilantes.

This is not something to ignore.

There is no way the public can trust a LEO with ties like this to police Black and Brown communities as well as Jewish and Muslim communities, the LGBTQ community, and activists with left-leaning politics.

A short training on implicit bias does nothing to address explicit bias like this.

Please consider a no-tolerance policy for white supremacy and racism in law enforcement.

Thank you,

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