



**To:** **Members of the Joint Committee On Transparent Policing  
and Use of Force Reform**

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**Re:** **Testimony re LC 17 (Teargas Legislation)**

**Good afternoon Co-Chairs Bynum and Manning and Members of the Committee,**

The Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) would like to provide this testimony on LC 17 which would regulate the use of tear gas. While both Associations are supportive of this general concept we have concerns with the following provision in this measure.

- Section 4 (6) C-This provision removes immunity that is allowed within current law. This change will increase law suits and settlements whenever tear gas is used to de-escalate a riot, civil commotion or mob action.
- Section 3-Indicate that every attempt will be made for (a), (b) and (c.)

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony.