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Peace officers/law enforcement ID visible from 25' in all directions,
plus prompt, full, free disclosure of identifying information to the public.

Madam Co-Chair Representative Janelle Bynum and Co-Chair Senator James Manning, Jr., and Committee Members:

Thank you for inviting public testimony and thank you for your courage and progress with the first step of drafting the highly important and urgent LC 18/LC 743. Once improved and enforced, it can save lives and protect the public commons, improve democracy and our economy, and reduce disabilities and poverty caused by police who so far are not held accountable, make government lose credibility and citizen cooperation, and as cops cause a big drain on our time, energy, and tax dollars causing a serious loss of needed services for law suits that are inadequate for providing the victims justice. I have been deeply considering and researching and discussing this topic throughout the last 38 years observing and experiencing violent, criminal and corrupt behavior by many scores of police in Portland.

Please strengthen LC 18/LC 743 as follows, adding the bold italicized words.

Add to the summary: Establishes requirements for displaying identifying information on peace officer ***and nontribal law enforcement on uniforms, gear, equipment, and vehicles.***

This is to prevent those items from hiding the ID on the uniform. So far, police put tape or other items over their ID or badges they might argue are not the uniform or fabric clothing itself, thereby hiding their identification with tactical gear and body armor, rain coats, chaps, shields, etc. In Portland, police and whatever law enforcement or Boogaloos or III Perceners and other white supremacist terrorist militia working with the Portland Police Bureau, have driven vehicles with no visible license plates, no visible identification with any agency or organization, no clarity in some cases that they are a part of so-called law enforcement (as biased as it is), and they have used those vehicles lacking identification of those inside to abduct/kidnap nonviolent Portlanders without cause or accountability.

Nationwide terrorist militias use similar clothing, weapons, gear, and magnet car dome flashing lights as the police and military, and anyone can buy online uniforms, badges, patches, etc. the same as cops. We certainly do not know the agency/organization, officer names and ID number of those driving and riding in or on these vehicles we witness hit and ram into pedestrians, threaten and speed at pedestrians, spray pedestrians with pepper spray and teargas, abduct civilians, block traffic, terrorize social justice protesters, violate Constitutional duties/rights, and/or escort, protect, or provide rides for the civilian terrorists attacking Portlanders and breaking numerous serious laws.

We need to have completely different uniforms for legitimate, licensed, public peace officers and/or nontribal law enforcement operating within the state of Oregon-- regardless of their agency or jurisdiction or location of headquarters or source of income-- that are not otherwise available online and that most non-police would not buy or wear. Decades of research keeps finding that pedophiles, child rapists, kidnappers, rapists, human

traffickers, and some thieves often use easily-obtained police or security uniforms and paraphernalia and weapons, and many violent law-breaking individuals choose to go into the police or law enforcement with an attitude of an invading/occupying soldier imagining and punishing civilians as dehumanized “enemies.” But I find it hard to believe that most of these violent criminals would purchase and modify uniforms to have the matching highly-visible name and ID number on so many locations on their clothing and gear and equipment and vehicle that I propose via this improved LC. I also believe that those currently employed as peace officers or nontribal law enforcement who are breaking laws with impunity, would choose to stop their crimes as cops in Oregon if they had to wear clearly visible name and ID number the public could easily photograph/video and remember, and immediately access for further information on that officer. By making them appear less like terrifying occupying terrorists and military, it will deter them from entering and badly influencing the police, or might deter them from doing the awful behaviors that are the norm, and might encourage some of the police who are complicit with and defend/protect and hide/lie about the crimes of other cops to instead be honest or allow the public to protect and serve us. And if this change in clearly visible identification does not change behavior, at least this visible identification with changes in public access to information and accountability can start us towards the long past-due justice and peace, making Oregon safer for everyone.

Add to the summary: ***Establishes consequences to those not obeying this law and provides protections for the public funds and individuals and communities from that officer's actions while unidentified or improperly displaying ID. Establishes consequences to peace officers or nontribal law enforcement blocking the view, photographing, videoing of and/or recording of officers' and others' identification and the providing of ASL or other interpreting or services as needed for identifying and decision-making re. peace officers and nontribal law enforcement.***

This is to address the problem when police line up blocking the view of officers who are punching, kicking, choking, crushing, tasing, etc. their victims and when officers force press, legal observers, civilian public servants, faith witnesses, ASL interpreters, and the public from seeing, photographing, or videoing officers or assisting their victims needing interpreters and assistants. It holds accountable those officers using smoke, bright lights, poisonous gas or dust and vehicles to block the view or to injure or terrorize potential witnesses of officers grabbing, detaining, cuffing, brutalizing, etc. individuals or damaging property. It also could prevent or provide consequences for police who use vehicles with no other purpose than to block the view of fellow officers' identify and their brutality and theft, as we see repeatedly over the last 99 days in Portland.

Each night in Portland from May 29 to Sept. 3 this year, I have experienced and/or witnessed live and/or seen/heard videos and photos and heard other victims and witnesses describe police or law enforcement in Portland assault and batter, brutalize, and terrorize unarmed civilians who were no threat or danger to anyone, and to damage property at far worse cost and harm than anything police infiltrators and fascist infiltrators pretending to be BLM activists or antifascists ever did, when the police always had nonviolent, lawful means to accomplish legitimate objectives if they chose to act as maturely as I did as a five year old. And in each of these cases, police worked to prevent people from being able to personally identify them and they refused to give their name as required by federal law and Portland ordinance. Police terrorized and forced press and legal observers and the public from viewing or photographing the police criminality and from collecting evidence, and police violated international law by preventing medics from tending to those injured and harmed by police and completing medical SOAP notes for the crime victims. Police knocked cameras out of the hands of press, broke cameras, stole cameras, blocked cell access, etc. and did not return cameras and evidence prior or after detention.

State: ***This requires all peace officers or nontribal law enforcement operating temporarily or permanently in the state of Oregon, regardless of their jurisdiction, homebase, or employer to have clearly visible and legible at all times from all directions at 25 feet to those with normal vision, their identification that includes the initial of their first name and full last name, ID number, and employer on their uniforms, gear, equipment, and vehicles they are using at any time they exercise authority to arrest, detain, give orders, compel action, or use weapons (which they are not***

authorized to do while undercover or in plain clothes.)

To 1.(1)(a) A peace officer **add or nontribal law enforcement officer** performing official duties in uniform shall display, *[replace- “on both the front and back of the uniform”]* with ***the front, back, sides, and top of uniform, gear, equipment, and vehicle being used to be visible 25 feet from all directions, in front, behind, above, to the side.***

Change page 2, line 5 ***to the front, back, sides, and top of the uniform, gear, and equipment to be visible from all directions.***

Specify the location and size of the identification, when it shall be the first initial of the first name and full last name with ID number and agency identification, and when it shall be only the individual's ID number on small spaces of uniform, gear, or equipment.

chest, upper back: last name 3” high
helmet front, top, back, top visor: ID # 1”
upper arms/shoulder: # 2” high, 1” last name
back of hands: # 1/2” high
above front and back of knees: # 1/2” high
down side of legs: first name initial, last name 3”
outer ankles: # 1” high
top front of shield: last name 3” high
starting 3” from end of baton down: #1”
end of weapons, lights, cameras: #1/2”
front, back, top, sides of vehicles: 3” name, ID#

Add to SECTION 1.(1)(a) ***Identification shall be white lettering and numerals on a black background, and the ID strip can be on a material which can be removable/exchangable and cleanable when more than one individual uses that gear, vehicle, etc. such as using hook and loop (ie, Velcro) or durable sliding plates or all-weather placards on vehicles, etc.***

Add to page 3, line 14 “provide ***at no cost to and no retaliation to*** a requester...”

Insert between the current section 2 and section 3, the meaningful enforceable consequences of violation of this law, holding officers and their employers accountable and protecting the public individually and collectively.

If any officer fails to display full and proper ID visible from all directions as specified here, (a) that officer is banned from making arrests or orders or using weapons; and (b) is accountable for paying all legal and medical costs and loss of income as result of those actions from that officer's actions while unidentified or improperly identified; and (c) nonpayment to that officer and employer from public funds for that officer during the time not properly displaying ID visible from all directions; (d) with a net half-pay to the immediate superior for that time period the subordinate is not properly displaying ID; (e) discipline shall be escalated with additional violations, including being fired; (f) any civilian(s) will not be liable for arrest or fines or to obey orders by any officer not properly displaying ID visible in all directions, and any arrests or fines for that shall be reversed and expunged and shall have all costs or injuries or property damage caused by any officer without ID properly displayed promptly and fully reimbursed or reversed by the improperly identified officers and their employers and their personal liability insurance, but without costing the public in loss of funds or services and the employer shall clear their name in the media to the degree those wrongly arrested were libeled or slandered, etc.

If any peace officer(s) or nontribal law enforcement blocks the view of others' identification via their body, equipment, vehicle, or use of weapons such as smoke, bright lights, toxic gas or dust, or the threat of or use of crowd control weapons or devices or pain or arrest, the officer(s) blocking view of their own and/or any other officer(s) identification that officer/those officers shall be denied pay for that time period and shall be fined substantially and is liable for litigation or criminal prosecution for complicity, with escalating discipline that eventually will result in being fired.

, including banning and voiding of arrests and charges made without full ID clearly visible in all directions at the time, and payment from the peace officer/nontribal law enforcement officer to the arrestees or victims for all legal and medical and lost income costs

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and nonpayment to that officer and employer from public funds for that officer during the time not properly displaying ID visible from all directions, with a half-pay to the immediate superior for that time period the subordinate is not properly