

I am writing in support of LC 0019, establishing the database of complaints and disciplinary proceedings and records for public safety officers.

While I wish we did not need to proceed in this way towards police accountability, I see this as the most effective way to make change in a system that currently protects officers involved in blatantly excessive use of force driven by the racial biases embedded in our society. This systematic problem exists across our state, and it is therefore appropriate that the state legislature act.

Community Oversight Committees have NOT been effective in address the problem of excessive use of force, having neither the power to access records of this type, nor the power to influence disciplinary actions.

I believe the database offers the chance to identify repeated instances of excessive or inappropriate use of force, allowing the possibility of intervention before a life is lost.

I urge you to pass LC0019.

Sincerely,

Robin Rolfe

Portland, OR 97211