

police restraint bills

I have been protesting regularly all around Portland and am very gratified to see the bills proposed by Oregon's Legislators of Color Caucus.

While I would argue that the best thing is to tear the whole system down and start anew, I still support these 4 bills.

LC 19, Misconduct records: we all pay in many ways when "bad cops" remain on the force because their disciplinary records have been hidden. Citizens continue to suffer false arrests and/or brutality, jurisdictions pay out more and bigger settlements, trust in the police is eroded. Please pass this bill.

LC 17, Use of crowd control munitions: I have been teargassed multiple times, though i am always non-violent and law abiding. I was shot with a "less-lethal" munitions 2 weeks ago, but still have bruising, swelling and pain. My buddy was shot in the head (thank goodness she was wearing a helmet) and in the legs. My child has been shot multiple times. Innocent people should not be punished indiscriminately because of the unlawful actions of a few. Please pass this bill

LC 18, Ability to identify officers: Letting police hide their names and badge numbers allows "bad cops" to continue to do bad things. Police already have too much power. We shouldn't give them more. The "good cops" will suffer if the "bad cops" stay hidden. Please pass this bill.

LC 20: Expanding use of force reports: Again, police SERVE the public and how they behave should be known. we need transparency so we can fix problems or get rid of bad actors. I want to know how my tax money is spent. Please pass this bill.

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