

Chair Williamson and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am a staff member at Portland State University (PSU). I'm passionately committed to the work I do in pursuit of the university's mission.

I **oppose** the proposed legislation to prohibit police officers at PSU from carrying firearms. As a female employee I regularly navigate (on foot) our 50-acre urban campus before, during and after work (sometimes in darkness). I would not feel safe if our police officers had to respond to an armed offender incident on our campus without access to a firearm. Our police officers are highly regarded colleagues who keep our campus safe through outreach, community engagement and training.

sincerely,
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