

Dear Chair Williamson and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I write to you today to seek your opposition to HB 3338, which will disarm the officers employed by our campus police department, the University of Oregon Police Department.

Even on and around a university campus, policing can be dangerous. The U of O is in the heart of Eugene and UOPD officers are in contact with non-students committing crimes on a regular basis. To date, UOPD has not had one incident of an officer's use of deadly force, though there have been circumstances where it would have been justified. Asking officers to go into those dangerous situations without the ability to protect themselves and others when deadly force is needed is dangerous to the officers and the people they serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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