

Chair Williamson and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am a current employee at Portland State University and reside on the edge of campus.

I am strongly against the legislation proposing to disarm PSU police. Having been followed and harassed more than once while on campus, I would not feel safe without access to armed officers. I commute to work by foot, and pass by several houseless individuals, one of which decided to follow me up to my office building one morning, shouting profanity at me. I would like to be able to rely on an armed officer to show up, should another situation like this were to occur.

With the Portland city police already overwhelmed and understaffed, disarming the university police would further intensify the issue. I want to be confident that I can rely on law enforcement to respond in a timely manner and be well equipped to handle any situation. I believe this is only possible if the PSU officers remain armed.

Very Respectfully,
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