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Chair Williamson and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

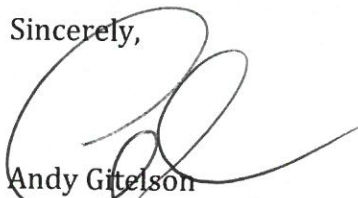
The Oregon Hillel Foundation is in opposition of HB 3338 as we find it potentially detrimental to UOPD's ability to respond to situations that could arise at our facility.

Since 1993, the Oregon Hillel Foundation has served as the Jewish home away from home at the University of Oregon, and as of the fall of 2014 at Oregon State University. Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of every Jewish student so that they may enrich the lives of the Jewish people and the world, helping them to make a life long commitment to Judaism and Israel.

Over the years, Hillel has responded to anti-semitism on our campuses, and at times as been the victim of vandalism and heightened security concerns in response to mass shootings at places of worship (including this past fall in Pittsburgh and not so long ago at Temple Beth Israel in Eugene). While we are grateful to have the Eugene Police Department as a resource, UOPD has been our primary support and responder for our property, When needed, having an armed UOPD presence has helped our student community feel secure in our building and at our events, it has also helped serve as a deterrent to possible. It is truly important that this committee consider the communities that are targeted by the growing White Nationalist/Neo Nazi organizations that exist near our campuses. They pose real and direct threats, the additional resources provided by a well trained and equipped campus police departments is essential to the security and support of our community.

If I can answer any further questions or provide any additional feedback, please do not hesitate to call on me (541) 343-8920 (x101) or email Andy@OregonHillel.org.

Sincerely,



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