

# House Bill 4208

Sponsored by Representative KOTEK (at the request of Joint Committee on the First Special Session of 2020)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits law enforcement agencies from using tear gas or from using long range acoustic devices or sound cannons.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the use of tools by law enforcement agencies; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) **As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given**  
5 **that term in ORS 181A.775.**

6 (2) **Notwithstanding ORS 161.235 and 161.239, a law enforcement agency may not use:**

7 (a) **Tear gas; or**

8 (b) **Long range acoustic devices or sound cannons.**

9 **SECTION 2.** **This 2020 special session Act being necessary for the immediate preservation**  
10 **of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 special**  
11 **session Act takes effect on its passage.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.