

HB 4207-5  
(LC 78)  
6/25/20 (MNJ/LHF/ps)

Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF 2020 (at the request of  
People of Color Caucus)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4207**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 3, insert:

2 “Whereas Black Lives Matter; and

3 “Whereas the lives of Kendra James, Jason Washington, Andre Gladen,  
4 Patrick Kimmons, Chase Arnae Peeples, Terrell Kyreem Johnson, Quanice  
5 Derrick Hayes, Denorris Laron McClendon, Darris Eugene Johnson matter;  
6 and

7 “Whereas we count on the police to protect and serve; and

8 “Whereas accountability is a vital element of American policing; and

9 “Whereas in Oregon, a police officer’s disciplinary history is mostly un-  
10 available through public records requests; and

11 “Whereas police discipline records are purposefully obfuscated from the  
12 public; and

13 “Whereas there is growing public concern about police accountability and  
14 transparency; and

15 “Whereas the public deserves to know the record of the officers who hold  
16 the greatest power and authority in our communities; and

17 “Whereas we cannot legislate away racism but we can legislate bringing  
18 it to light; and

19 “Whereas there is a pattern of abuse of citizens’ rights; and

20 “Whereas across the country, there are instances of police misconduct  
21 followed by firing and rehiring in another jurisdiction; and

1 “Whereas in Oregon, there is evidence of jurisdiction transfers in re-  
2 sponse to misconduct; and

3 “Whereas Officer Jason Sery of the Portland Police Bureau shot and  
4 killed James Jahar Perez during a routine traffic stop over a missed turn  
5 signal; and

6 “Whereas Officer Sery resigned from the Portland Police Bureau and now  
7 works to train officers with the Beaverton Police Department; and

8 “Whereas abuses like this cause irreparable loss of public trust and con-  
9 fidence in the ability of law enforcement to be fair and unbiased;

10 “Whereas in addition to costing citizens their sense of safety and some-  
11 times their lives, police misconduct has a large economic impact; and

12 “Whereas cities across the country spend millions of dollars each year  
13 settling police misconduct lawsuits; and

14 “Whereas nationally, false arrests, civil rights violations and excessive  
15 force cost taxpayers over \$300 million in 2019; and

16 “Whereas the taxpayers are going to bear the brunt for the cost of police  
17 brutality; and

18 “Whereas without a database to track instances of police misconduct, it  
19 is difficult to know how many officers with charges of misconduct on their  
20 records leave one department and go to another; now, therefore,”.

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