

HB 4201-3
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Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF 2020 (at the request of the People of Color Caucus)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4201**

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 and Jason Washington mattered; and

4 “Whereas there is an inherent conflict of interest in asking local district
5 attorneys to investigate the officers upon whom they rely to obtain con-
6 victions in criminal cases; and

7 “Whereas internal investigations and local investigations have resulted
8 in a lack of justice for communities of color, which breeds distrust of law
9 enforcement and causes both direct and vicarious trauma upon those com-
10 munities; and

11 “Whereas two years ago, the district attorney’s office in Washington
12 County failed to hold an officer responsible for assaulting a man of Mexican
13 heritage who was posing for a booking photo, officers from the Washington
14 County Sheriff’s Office, Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office and the Oregon
15 State Police did not find that a crime had been committed, and this case was
16 not known until recent civil litigation; and

17 “Whereas no matter how late it may come, Black, Indigenous and People
18 of Color communities deserve justice for the past, and also deserve justice
19 for the present; and

20 “Whereas countless protesters, members of the media, medics and legal
21 observers across Oregon who have been exercising their First Amendment

1 rights have been victimized by a failure of local civilian oversight to rein in
2 abuses of the use of force by law enforcement; now, therefore,”.

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