



STATEMENT RE: HB 4301 (Relating to the Use of Force)

To: Joint Committee On Policies for the Second Special Session
From: Michael Selvaggio, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs
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Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee:

For the record in regard to House Bill 4301, which makes various changes to Oregon's use of force standards:

As I noted to the Joint Committee On Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform, we have withdrawn our objections to LC 745 (chokehold ban) after the Committee's adjustments, and those changes appear to have been incorporated into HB 4301 as well. However, with regard to the other provisions in HB 4301 revising use of force standards, our attorneys have had zero business days in which to review this legislation which is, quite literally, a matter of life and death. Please note the following clarifications to the Committee record:

- 1. ORCOPS is not in favor of HB 4301; without sufficient time to review the legislation, we have **NO** position.**
2. ORCOPS is Oregon's largest law enforcement organization. Given the lack of a public hearing, we have not submitted nor been invited to submit testimony to HB 4301 (with the exception of this floor letter). Our testimony to the interim committee concepts was styled with the understanding that there would be an opportunity for public comment to the resulting legislation during this Special Session.
3. We ask that the relevant interim committee testimony be incorporated into the public record for HB 4301. *(For reference purposes, that includes testimony given to the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform during the 2019-2020 Interim to meetings through July and August 2020.)*