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TESTIMONY ON HB 3047 AND 3273

March 2, 2021

Vice-Chair Noble and members of the subcommittee. I am Janelle Bynum representing House District 51 which includes East Portland, Gresham, Boring, Damascus, North Clackamas and Happy Valley.

House Bills 3047 (civil action for doxxing) and 3273 (prohibiting publication of mugshots) are the products of an anti-doxxing workgroup that was formed through the work of the Joint Committee on Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform. That committee was made up of myself, Rep. Witt, the Oregon Department of Justice, OJRC, Association of Oregon Counties, OCDLA, Multnomah County DA's Office, NOBLE, OSSA and Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

Throughout the summer, I heard from constituents, journalists, advocates, organizers, and members of law enforcement who were negatively impacted by doxxing. Some of that doxxing came as a product of mugshots, other forms of it came from people who were trying to silence other voices. Doxxing became a tool of oppression that forced people into shells of their former selves and even forced families to take monumental steps to protect themselves. People till this day are still traumatized by the level of doxxing that took place over the summer.

On the issue of mugshots, it's time for our society to move past them. The day someone gets arrested can quite frankly be one the worst days of their lives. Those mugshots are sometimes of people in a mental health crisis. Those photos that are published can ruin a person's life who has not yet been found guilty of any crime. They can linger on and impact people's lives for years to come. We can do better for them and for others.

Thus, I ask you to support HB 3047 and HB 3273 to help protect Oregonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janelle Bynum'.

Rep. Janelle Bynum