

This bill makes a lot of sense! The Portland Police Bureau is understaffed and has not been able to keep up with the citation flow, and there is no reason why a police officer would have to be the one to sign off on a citation. They are trained and paid to do more specialized and dangerous work. Signing off on speed camera citations is not a dangerous job, and it could be done by a properly trained citizen employee at less expense and thus free up police officers to do the kind of work for which they were trained and hired. For the same cost we could hire more people to do this job and eliminate the backlog in getting citations to speeders, which has been proven to increase safety on our streets.