

As a long-time resident of Portland who has become more and more educated about the history of the police in Oregon and specifically those in PDX and in PPA in the last year, passing this measure is the absolute minimum for starting to break down what is truly a corrupt and racist institution and minimizing future harm to our communities -- and ending extrajudicial beatings and murders by police. I ask that you pass it with Amendment 4A From Senator Manning to ensure the measure's meaning is clear for everyone.

I want to thank Representative Bynum for her leadership on these issues and pushing forward concrete actions to even START to stop the corruption and crime that has been and continues to be rampant throughout law enforcement in Oregon. This law will not stop police brutality because ultimately the police in Oregon often operate within the mindset of a mafia, ensuring they will protect each other over the public and over following the law (even this year numerous police reports have been shown to be exaggerated or just plain not true). However, the more we incentivize honesty and punish corruption and lying, the closer we will be to the end goal of actual justice and peace in our communities.

Not even the police orgs can come up with a reason not to pass this bill. Please do the right thing for this state, pass this bill with Amendment 4A and PLEASE BUILD MORE ON THESE LAWS -- we have to get the police under control and do everything we can to make sure there are no more extrajudicial murders, beatings and brutality. It is the least we can do after all the pain that's been caused and all the children who've been taken from their parents before their time.

P.S. Being a police officer is not more dangerous than being a logger, pilot or flight engineer, derrick operator, roofer, garbage collector, iron worker, farm worker, mechanic, mason, highway worker, landscapers or crossing guard, yet if their actions in the course of their duties led to a death or crime, their would almost certainly be consequences if it wasn't reported by someone there. Why would we treat law enforcement differently? (Source: <https://www.ishn.com/articles/112748-top-25-most-dangerous-jobs-in-the-united-states>)

Other Background:

- "Black and Blue: Police-Community Relations in Portland's Albina District, 1964–1985" 2013 Oregon Historical Society
https://www.ohs.org/research-and-library/oregon-historical-quarterly/upload/serbulo-gibson_black-and-blue.pdf

- "Oregon once legally banned Black people. Has the state reconciled its racist past?"
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/oregon-once-legally-barred-black-people-has-the-state-reconciled-its-racist-past>

- "Resources from OHSU Library and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion"
<https://libguides.ohsu.edu/race-racism-health/oregon-history>

- "Progressive City, Brutal Police"
<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/portand-oregon-police-brutality-history-1027677/>