

Dear Legislators:

Please accept my testimony in opposition to HB 2931 and HB 2932.

My family lives in a "hotbed" area of Portland. We've suffered the consequences of local policies to defund and second-guess police. My neighborhood's small businesses are mostly gone, including many owned by minorities. Several of our most vulnerable disabled and elderly Section 8 neighbors have been robbed and beaten in broad daylight just trying to get to the store for basic supplies.

This is NOT due to a lack of police oversight. We already have laws and policies governing the provision of medical care to those under arrest. We already have laws and policies against use of excessive force. We also have laws against theft, vandalism, harassment, and resisting arrest.

Watching from a front-row seat, I promise you that it is the lack of enforcement of \*existing\* laws that is the problem.

Adding more laws, that are more vaguely worded (and might even lead to "doxxing" of police officers), will only lead to further crime, further attrition of law enforcement, and a higher proportion of new officers with less decision-making capacity to navigate the moral quandary of nightly facing a violent felons whom the district attorney has released without bail.

As reported by Willamette Week, Portland has fallen in the wake of these policies from #3 to #66 in business desirability. But it's no mere bear market; it's a symptom of the global derision that Portland has heaped upon itself by allowing street violence to turn us into a burnt-out, boarded-up city. And as goes Portland, so goes Oregon.

HB 2931 and HB 2932 would take Portland's failed approach to state level, spreading Portland's shame to all of Oregon's suburbs and small towns.

Please reject them.

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