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Measure: SB618

I OPPOSE SB 618

This bill establishes procedure for charging aggravated version of offense when defendant commits felony while wearing body armor. That fact may be pleaded and proved at trial as an element in aggravation of the crime. The unaggravated crime shall be considered a lesser included offense.

Considering Multnomah County would not charge rioters the last 7 yrs because it couldn't afford all the court appointed attorneys to do so, how will this help the lawlessness that is the worst in metro areas in Oregon. They want a criminal to submit to being killed while committing a crime. Bullet proof vests aren't really bullet proof, but generally saves lives. High speed calibers will travel through body armor. Body armor does not allow the criminal to escape. The majority of officers equate the feeling of being hit with body armor by a bullet with the feeling of being hit with a hammer.

You can't be against capitol punishment and for this bill.