Submitter: James Hieb

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB2572

I am writing in opposition to HB 2572.

This bill will open up the possibility that people engaging in Constitutionally protected activities. Anyone who trains as security or in the unorganized militia, in a public place, can be prosecuted. The penalty for "Private paramilitary organizations" who train within public view is a Class C Felony.

I do not support this bill because of the impact it would have on security companies and the unorganized militia, which according to ORS 396.105(3) consists of all ablebodied residents of the state between the ages of 18 and 45.

I cannot support any bill that will limit our Constitutionally protected rights.

Thank you, James Hieb Rep HD51