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If this piece of legislation continues to move forward, I strongly urge much more refinement of definition for the entire bill. This appears, on surface level, to be a catch all piece of legislation that may have ulterior motives.

I propose, as an example, that if a group of Antifa members (known to be intimidating & sometimes violent) approached me with intimidating actions, I could be held liable by using intimidating actions in return to attempt protection of myself or others with me. Wording on this proposition should be extremely careful so that it does not take the average Oregonian and make them a criminal by trying to defend themselves or expressing strong feelings. If you are trying to circumvent threats to groups or meetings wording needs to be very specific. This sounds like a catch all for all of those individuals who would like to incarcerate anyone who strongly disagrees with them. Many discussions are quite sensitive and can often spiral into a verbal sword fight... There is a great difference between that, and the person who threatens to do harm specific.