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HB 4138 - LEAVA

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Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Representative Lamar Wise. I am proud to be a sponsor of House Bill 4138.

HB 4138 is about transparency, accountability, and the protection of Oregonians' civil rights when public trust has been damaged by the institutions claiming to protect us. This bill defines clear and commonsense guardrails to guarantee law enforcement's authority is exercised lawfully, visibly, and in a manner consistent with Oregon values.

Firstly, the bill widens existing masking and officer identification requirements to apply to all law enforcement officers operating in the state of Oregon. These requirements mean every agency must adopt a public policy governing the usage of facial coverings. LEAVA allows a non-criminal investigative tool for law enforcement when there is reasonable suspicion and probable cause that individuals are impersonating an officer.

Secondly, HB 4138 draws a clear line between state and local law enforcement operations and federal activity. This bill prohibits Oregon employees from participating in federal actions that unlawfully target free speech or protected classes. It also restricts the Oregon National Guard, while under state control, from assisting in unlawful missions.

Additionally, LEAVA obligates a review of state and local law enforcement participation in federal joint task forces and cross-deputizations. Where coordination poses a risk of violating Oregon's sanctuary laws, agencies are directed to withdraw or cancel those arrangements. This guarantees that Oregon's laws are not undermined through indirect or informal cooperation.

Lastly, this bill offers a cause of action for individuals harmed by these provisions, an accountability measure that enforces real consequences. A severability clause ensures that if one provision is challenged, the remainder of the bill remains intact. An emergency clause allows this legislation to take effect immediately upon passage, highlighting the urgency of these protections.

At its core, House Bill 4138 affirms a simple principle: authority must be visible, accountable, and constrained by law. By clarifying roles, bolstering oversight, and protecting civil rights, LEAVA helps rebuild public trust while supporting lawful and transparent law enforcement.

I respectfully urge your support for House Bill 4138. Thank you.