



OREGON LEGISLATIVE BIPOC CAUCUS

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Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr, and Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

The BIPOC Caucus is in strong support of HB 4138A, the Law Enforcement Visibility and Accountability Act (LEAVA).

For this session, we released our policy agenda that focuses on protecting people and addressing injustices – upholding dignity, due process, and safety for every Oregonian, and making clear that Oregon will not turn its back on the communities that make our state strong.

In a time of fear and uncertainty, it is important to give clarity. As federal agents show up in our communities in masks and in unmarked vehicles, Oregonians have to make the personal call on whether the person in front of them is a law enforcement officer or an impersonator. That is exactly why we need HB 4138A because without public trust, public safety cannot exist, and that very public trust is derived from community, accountability, and transparency.

What HB 4138A does is establish a statewide policy that generally prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing masks, with narrow exceptions including undercover and SWAT operations, health and safety reasons, and other necessary uses. This bill also requires all law enforcement officers to visibly display their name/badge number and agency identification.

The BIPOC Caucus stands in support of HB 4138A because it aligns with our commitment to building safer communities. **We strongly urge your support of the HB 4138A, the Law Enforcement Visibility and Accountability Act.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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