



February 25, 2026

RE: Pass HB 4138-A

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA), we write to support House Bill 4138-A, LEAVA.

OHEA is a people of color-led collaborative, organized to center and uplift the wisdom of our communities of color through racial justice informed health equity policies and practices. OHEA serves Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties as one of nine regional health equity coalitions across Oregon.

Masked law enforcement agents, often with no identification, make it difficult for the public to know who is in our neighborhoods, what they are doing, and whether their actions are lawful. It is difficult for the public to know if masked operatives are actual government agents or impersonators. These situations are causing stress and anxiety in our communities. Safety is essential to people's health and wellbeing - this bill pushes for accountability and visibility for all law enforcement across Oregon, when fear mongering, targeted attacks, and kidnappings are becoming the norm.

HB 4138-A strengthens public trust by ensuring that all law enforcement actions in Oregon are more transparent, visible, and accountable. LEAVA will require ALL law enforcement officers operating in Oregon to visibly identify themselves, who they work for, and to unmask. It will also build a firewall between state/local public employees and the federal government to protect our civil rights and liberties, including our due process rights. We have done a lot of work to build the trust with our communities for them to come to agencies and seek help, we fear that if this bill does not pass, we will find ourselves in a crisis and undo the years of efforts we have done.

You have the opportunity and responsibility to step in for our communities by voting yes on HB 4138-A.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Oregon Health Equity Alliance