

February 26, 2026

Re: Yes on HB

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

My name is Apaau Fuataga, and I live in Central Point/Jackson County. I am writing in strong support of HB 4138, the LEAVA Act of 2026.

I care about this bill because I believe no one in our community should feel afraid of those who are meant to protect them. Transparency and accountability are essential to maintaining trust between residents and law enforcement.

Health and safety in our communities depend on people being able to live, work, gather, speak, and seek services without fear of intimidation, surveillance, or misuse of authority. HB 4138 strengthens those conditions by:

- Requiring law enforcement officers to clearly display their name and agency
- Limiting anonymous or unidentified policing practices
- Creating enforceable protections when constitutional rights are violated
- Setting clear, common-sense limits on cooperation with federal or out-of-state law enforcement to protect Oregon's public resources and people's constitutional rights

Clear identification and accountability matter. People should always know who is exercising authority over them and under what legal framework.

In my community, concerns about community safety and trust in public institutions are real and present. This bill responds to those concerns by setting clear guardrails that protect constitutional rights while promoting transparency.

I am especially encouraged that HB 4138 moves beyond policy statements and includes meaningful enforcement. When rights are violated, people deserve real remedies. Accountability like the cause of action included in the bill helps to protect community trust.

I respectfully urge you to vote YES on HB 4138 and move it forward.

Thank you for your time and service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

Apaau Fuataga
Central Point, Oregon