

I believe that HB 3059 must be repealed. It is IMPERATIVE for ALL law enforcement officers to find better ways to engage with protesters when the few who are in your opinion "breaking the law." Not only are the "less than lethal" crowd control ammunition having effects on everyone involved but the environment is seeing the effects of these unknown chemicals. The land and water are having long lasting effects, the fish whose some Indigenous folks rely on for nourishment and for livelihood are having long lasting effects. Recently, BORTAC law enforcement officers at the ICE building have been documented with a pesticide fogger spraying unknown chemicals to disperse crowds. This price does not fit the "crime." The officers who are on the ground are unhinged and need to have better tactics in engaging with a group of protesters exercising their 1st amendment rights. I was recently made aware of Word Is Bond who is holding a campaign on stories of young Black youth, within this campaign there are teach-ins with different law enforcement agencies, might I suggest taking what you learn from them and use that with protesters. Coming at this in a different perspective regardless of how unhinged you are is imperative for building trust. You all have created an immeasurable amount of distrust within the community. Keeping a law that enforces crowd control ammunition only creates more of a divide and again it is extremely important for law enforcement to find better ways to engage with protesters.