

I urge the committee to repeal law enforcement's ability to disperse so-called unlawful assemblies. Too often, in particular over the past 12 months, police have largely used their power to attack unarmed peaceful protests while giving white-glove treatment to armed, hostile, and hateful groups. These powers are a tool to suppress the voices and first amendment rights of historically marginalized and disenfranchised communities. We are guaranteed the right to peaceful assembly and these police powers grossly infringe upon that. Please vote for HB 3059 and repeal these police powers.