

HB 2936 would implement many good things that police departments should already be doing. Extremely thorough investigations into a person's character and background when they apply to become a police officer, this is an obvious rule to implement. You only want people of good conduct and character applying with no violent histories or tendencies. All police departments should require the prohibition of racist behavior especially during these times in the rise of far-right and racist groups trying to infiltrate the police and military. When/if an officer has engaged in racist behavior it should be reported as soon as there's evidence. This kind of behavior shouldn't be tolerated and these officers should be banned from ever serving as police in every department. Just like we would want to report misconduct from our child's teacher, our doctors, or any service employee, the public should have a way to report police misconduct and know that their claims will be investigated. Committee members, I ask that you vote for HB 2936 and help make the police a non-racist and accountable force - this is the barest of minimums that we should ask of our police.