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Oregon Progressive Party
Independent Party of Oregon

Position on Bills at 2021
Session of Oregon Legislature:

Dear Committee: **Support**

The Independent Party of Oregon and Oregon Progressive Party support these bills:

- SB 204 A Adds civilian oversight agencies and review bodies designated by municipalities or law enforcement agencies to definition of "criminal justice agency." Allows civilian oversight agencies and review bodies to access Law Enforcement Data System.

- SB 621 Upholds, under certain circumstances, local laws concerning local community oversight board established to oversee disciplinary matters concerning law enforcement officers, notwithstanding collective bargaining laws that require bargaining over such matters.

- SB 398 A Creates crime of intimidation by display of a noose.

- SB 704   Provides that discovery of victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation does not constitute reasonable explanation for extreme emotional disturbance for purposes of affirmative defense to murder in the second degree.

SB 204 allows civilian oversight and review bodies to see the personnel records of police, which would appear necessary to carrying out their functions.

SB 621 allows local communities to create and operate oversight boards to oversee disciplinary matters concerning law enforcement officers, despite Oregon state law regarding collective bargaining. This will allow Portland to implement the 2020 ballot measure that created a civilian community police oversight board.

SB 398 creates the crime of intimidation by display of a noose. We agree with the amendment suggested by ACLU.

SB 704 disqualifies the "LGBTQ+ panic" defense to the crime of second degree murder. It is incredible to realize that this defense actually prevails in some jurisdictions in the United States and could prevail in Oregon, absent this bill.

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