

I strongly support the passage of HB 2929-A4. Oregon urgently needs stronger police accountability measures, and transparency in disciplinary procedures is one proven to reform an opaque system. I would call transparency an essential step in reforming policing.

Not knowing whether police departments are handling complaints against officers effectively or sweeping them under the rug means that brutal behavior, racist arrests, and the rest go undetected.

The secrecy taints court cases. Judges and juries don't know if officers who built the cases have a history of lying, coercing witnesses, or other transgressions. Officers like change damage people's lives, families, communities. We have to stop this. Please pass HB 2929-A4.

There are many other reasons for passing HB 2929-A4, but this one is sufficient in and of itself. Again, I urge you to pass HB 2929-A4.

Sincerely,
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