

I strongly support the passage of HB 2929-A4. I do so because trust in my city's (Portland) police is declining and only transparent accountability can restore that essential currency.

Today, mistrust of the police is growing, largely because of its approach to minorities. Even former Portland police chief and mayor Tom Potter says police culture is "based in racism."<sup>(1)</sup>

Racist policing cannot continue. Portland's independent police oversight body is investigating more than 40 complaints related to protest policing since last June. <sup>(2)</sup>

Realistically, the number is much greater. In a year, Portland police used force over 6,000 times at Black Lives Matter and other protests. These were only documented cases and according to the Department of Justice, the city's police officers often failed to produce reports. <sup>(3)</sup>

By passing HB2929-A4, Oregon can take a step toward rebuilding trust in our police and, at the same time, in our system of justice.

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1. Pamplin Media Group - Can faith in police be restored? A former Portland chief thinks so.
  2. Portland's Independent Police Review opens more than 40 investigations into alleged police misconduct at protests - [oregonlive.com](http://oregonlive.com)
  3. After Portland police used force