

To members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of the -A4 Amendment to HB 2929, submitted by Sen. Manning. I ask that you support this amendment and pass HB 2929 out of committee. In Oregon we are at the mercy of both police and the FOIA system when it comes to finding out about police misconduct. Defense attorneys, defendants, and the public are kept in the dark, and allowing sunlight into the process is the best cure for a system that uses secrecy and anonymity to its advantage, to the disadvantage of the accused. A system allows officers with a history of lying under oath is one that does not protect against wrongful convictions. It also allows for officers with continued use of force violations to continue acting, unchecked by either the department or public oversight.

I hope you'll support the -A4 Amendment as a means of ensuring that we have transparency and accountability.  
Thank you,  
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