

Dear Senators and members of the committee.

I am writing you today in opposition of HB 3164.

ORS 162.247 Interfering with a Police Officer has its place in our society and state, I do not support any changes to the ORS as it is.

I have watched as this committee has introduced bill, after bill to limit police authority, responsibility, resources, labor and union protections and so on. I stand here confused that it appears this committee thinks it can regulate police officers and police agencies in this state enough to change the behavior of everyday citizens. We cannot preach accountability when it comes to police, but stay silent as members or the public commit crimes, pray on the vulnerable, destroy property, steal and so on.

Accountability needs to be acrossed the board, we should not change or amend ORS/laws simply because we see a lot of arrests under that statute. As a tax payer and lifelong Oregonian I expect my elected officials to call out police misconduct when they see it, AND I expect them to call out citizen misconduct when they see it. We should be encouraging member of the public to obey the law and play by the rules, just like we expecting and demanding of our Police now.

Removing or altering ORS 162.247 Interfering with a Police Officer is not fair, and it does little to promote accountability. Stand tall, demand our police officers obey the law and demand members of the public to obey the law. fair is fair, and accountability is accountability.

Please oppose HB 3164