

Dear legislators,

I am in support of the concept of this bill. However, I would urge the committee to go further and revise the following section "The commission shall substitute an individual randomized number for an officer's certification number, unless the report has resulted in civil litigation against a law enforcement unit".

Over the course of the summer of 2020 we saw how Portland Police Bureau used randomized numbers to their advantage, allowing officers who had used excessive force to retain anonymity and return to harm again and again. In Chicago, after the city was sued for release of records the Invisible Institute found that "In 2004 an officer was accused of using excessive force. He was listed on the complaint with four other officers, two of whom had multiple other complaints to their names. From that point on, his complaint rate skyrocketed. Citizens filed several allegations against him over the next five years. His use-of-force rate increased as well, from less than two per year to six in 2014. That officer was Jason Van Dyke, who shot Laquan McDonald that same year" (Rob Arthur, The Intercept, 2018)

The public, and the minority groups affected the most by police brutality, cannot wait for civil litigation to occur before we are able to identify the most harmful actors in a system already designed to work against us. Please expand the reporting capabilities of this bill, and allow us to identify patterns of abuse and potentially prevent further death. Thank you for your time,

-Amy Franco