

It might be an interesting development in the law enforcement world if the House and Senate spent more than a few minutes thinking about what it is they are doing.

Maybe we all would. We would at least be less exposed to this kind of reactionary juvenile effort.

Before you go getting wrapped up in the "ay" and "nay" part of this effort, answer a couple a questions here:

If refusing to comply with a lawful order from a law enforcement officer does NOT constitute interference (or resisting arrest) exactly what does?

In an arrest situation, the officer gives orders to the suspect to submit to restraint and defined lawful control. "You are under arrest" actually means something. The action is taken to restore public safety and order in a given situation, or for the furtherance of legitimate legal process (serving misdemeanor and felony warrants). Refusing to comply with such orders constitutes resisting and interference. It is obvious to the public that refusal to comply is a deliberate effort to impede the actions of the law enforcement officer and the jurisdiction.

Apparently that is not at all obvious to those who are sponsoring and supporting this silliness. So the legislature is, AGAIN, acting without regard for the people it supposedly serves, Right?

The law enforcement officers know and accept that there are consequences for the orders they give in the pursuance of their mission. So what logic or legitimacy resides in an effort to eliminate consequences for interfering with law enforcement functions and refusing lawful orders from law enforcement officers? This is about protecting the population as a whole How many more "Portlands" are acceptable?

Attend faithfully to the law. Fully understand that if you continue to erode the legitimate powers and authorities of the law enforcement community there will come a time when those people will no longer accept the mission due to the constraints you place on them.

When WE get there, WE have to accept the anarchy that YOU make by pursuing this brand of idiocy. The consequences of that are still obvious in Portland.

There is one other really serious consideration here: We're bleeding law enforcement. More are retiring and quitting than we're recruiting and training. A large part of that arises from their doing perhaps the most dangerous job and perceiving betrayal by the legislature. Our law enforcement community is becoming less and less experienced and more and more distrusting of the government. YOUR effort with this idiocy does exactly what for that?