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On Behalf Of:  
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Please don't make changes to this law.

We saw an out of control Portland Police Bureau in 2020. The City of Portland believes their officers did no harm. The elected leadership has repeated this, their lawyers have asserted this in court - but unfortunately their position isn't substantiated by the facts. A federal judge has ruled that their use of force was unlawful in many instances, and there have been many settlements with protesters based on improper police conduct (with more expected to come.)

The City of Portland has proven that they are unable to hold themselves accountable for police use of force, and that is why this bill was passed. The City of Portland now wants tweaks that they say are small and administrative. Given that their position on what constitutes acceptable use of force contradicts that of a federal judge, we can't trust that they have our best interests in mind. Please vote against this.