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The amendment must include "civil disorder" otherwise domestic terrorist groups like antifa will be excluded.

This bill "Modifies definition of "civil disorder" for crime of unlawful paramilitary activity; creates civil action for persons injured as a result of another person engaging in paramilitary activity."

The one amendment offered so far (which replaces the entire bill)"Repeals ORS 166.660 in its entirety and creates new crime of unlawful paramilitary activity; seeks to clarify definition of "private paramilitary organization;" seeks to clarify elements of crime of unlawful paramilitary activity..."

The bill, and the one current amendment, were drafted to specifically exclude antifa from its provisions.

In both the bill and the amendment "paramilitary organization" is defined :

"Private paramilitary organization" means any group of three or more persons associating under a command structure for the purpose of functioning in public, or training to function in public, as a combat, combat support, law enforcement or security services unit."

(Emphasis added)

"In section 2 of HB 2572, the definition of "private paramilitary organization" is quite broad and could in fact apply to a private security company, since a private security company would not fall within the law enforcement exception in subsection (3)."

I request that that language be removed from the bill. Civil disorder needs to remain!

Church security organizations could be targeted by this Bill and amendment.