

I OPPOSE [SB 787]... [SB 787] should make punishment a Class A Felony not a Class C Felony.

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**"SB 787 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Judiciary"**

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I do not care how you couch the terms and definitions of an assault on a Transit Employee as long as the punishment is "swift, certain and severe."

[SB 787] does not address the severity of danger to the public arising from the assault upon a Transit Employee be it a Bus Driver and or Rail operator.

The person who recklessly and cold-heartedly assaults a Transit Employee, who is operating a public transit vehicle is risking the health and safety of the Transit Employee, the riding public and citizens in; private vehicles, pedestrians crossing the streets and or on sidewalks from being killed or maimed as a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned assault, should face the full force of a CLASS A FELONY and not a measly Class C Felony.

The criminal who commits the aforementioned Assault should also be charged with Battery. In the case of the assault and battery upon the Operator of a Public Transit Vehicle while the vehicle is in operation, the charge of "Attempted Murder" should apply should injuries and or deaths occur.

[SB 787] is a minor step forward to protect the innocent Transit Employees, their riders and the public.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "Society should reformulate punishments of crimes."

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