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Unbelievable but also somehow completely unsurprising that after the George Floyd protests (not to mention the history of protest and progress in this state) the legislature would waste more taxpayer money on increased surveillance and violations of privacy on citizens. When it has become clear that the police are the ones violating the laws and that the police — with their white nationalist/white supremacist affiliations — are the ones terrorizing citizens of this state. We all know who these drones will target. Why don't you all grow a spine and just call this "law and order" provision the racist tactic that it really is. Just spell it out. Go ahead. We all know what you are doing. Call it what it is. Not only is this waste of taxpayer money imbecilic it is cowardly. The state of Oregon needs to be safeguarding its natural resources and environment and beauty for the sake of the quality of life which makes worth living here worthwhile. The state needs to be extending compassion to its women and children and to its veterans and to the increasingly unhoused population instead of treating human beings as if their only worth is in some ambiguously measurable economic value. Do you want to make the state safe? Do you want to make Oregon a great state? Invest in real housing solutions and healthcare and education for everyone thereby increasing opportunities for recovery and growth. Increased police surveillance is a solution in search of a problem. There are real problems in this state that are becoming too hazardous to ignore.