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House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB238

Along with many city leaders, community organizations, and mutual aid groups focused on MAKING PORTLAND SAFE and SANE for more people, I strongly oppose SB 238.

This is a BAD and EVIL measure which, if passed, would do so much more harm than (public) good. At the least, SB 238 provides a blank check for law enforcement agencies to begin deploying unlimited quantities of drones, without a court warrant, in a wide variety of situations. Efforts for this type of surveillance MUST be thwarted at all costs.

As ACLU states, of highest concern is the ability for bills like SB 238 to allow police and sheriffs - not the courts - to make decisions about the use of these drones. That means law enforcement could use drones to monitor protests, gatherings, or everyday life in our communities with no judicial accountability.

THIS is a HUGE concern, and should be, for EVERYONE. Our right to privacy is one of the most important rights we (still/for now) have, and it MUST be protected. At a time when police forces, like Portland's/Multnomah County's, should be DEFUNDED, misguided people wish to provide law enforcement agencies with even MORE power? To SURVEIL the public even MORE? I say NO. EVERYONE MUST say NO to SB 238, and oppose this evil bill, too.