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SB238

I strongly oppose SB 238 which gives law enforcement unprecedented powers to surveil individuals and private property without warrants and without any actual probable cause that a crime is being committed or that the individuals or property are in "actual" danger. It also removes many of the statutes that currently provide oversight and limitations in the use of drones during the investigation of crimes and other official police business. It allows for the collection and distribution of data of individuals and private property whether there is any criminal activity in evidence. In other words, it is taking a big step closer to a "police state" where residents can be surveilled just because a law enforcement officer does not like how a person looks, their lifestyle, their ethnicity, or the particular activity they are engaged in. It is clearly at odds with the constitutional protections of the rights to free speech, the right to privacy, the protection against unlawful search and seizure and the right to lawful assembly and peaceful protest. This bill does not deserve a vote and all Oregonians should be appalled that it is being considered.