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House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB238

I oppose SB238A. It is a flawed proposal that would dangerously expand law enforcement's authority to use drones in Oregon without sufficient safeguards for civil liberties, privacy, or democratic oversight. The bill is being promoted as a "public safety" measure, but in reality, it opens the door to warrantless spying that is likely to be used to target Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color, as well as activists, protestors, and dissenters. SB238A gives law enforcement more surveillance power with few checks and balances. That's not just overreach - it's a serious threat to our rights.