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9 days ago, when I saw this bill, I wrote to each of the 3 sponsors asking a basic question. What is a law enforcement officer?

I did not hear back from the sponsors. I was wondering whether they intend this law to apply to federal law enforcement personnel employed by the U.S. Government. I stated that I presumed this bill could only impact the Oregon State Police, Sheriff's officers and city police officers. I don't believe that the Oregon Legislature can make laws that bind the federal government to the wishes of Oregonians.

The U.S. Constitution clearly states that the Constitution and the Laws made under the authority of the United States are the supreme law of the land.

On Saturday, we will celebrate Oregon's admission to the United States in 1859. At that time, 167 years ago, we formally agreed to follow U.S. Laws and the U.S. Constitution.

The appropriate method for suggesting changes to the uniforms of federal law enforcement officers would be to propose changes to Oregon's congressional leaders asking them to update federal laws.