

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4106

Dear Judiciary Committee,

As Representative Mannix stated in the hearing for HB4106, the goal is to peacefully transport someone. This bill does not ensure safe transportation. Please oppose HB4106.

I am opposed to this bill because it does not reflect the true mainstream culture Oregon that I grew up in or my relatives came here for in 1870. We are independent and we respect others with a kindness not found in other parts of the United States. We believe in human rights.

This bill, HB4106, is against all of that. HB4106 ensures that Oregon becomes a police state in which individuals employed as "peace officers" are not possibly held accountable for their fear (of people with mental health and/or substance abuse issues) or actions that may hurt other people that occur because of that fear.

I have been on executive teams that built two psychiatric facilities and a mental health court in Oregon. I helped create the Portland Public Police Behavioral Health Unit. I see no reason why we need this HB4106. When peace officers or police officers are trained well or innately work from respect and not fearful mirror neurons, we see that people go peacefully.

HB4106 is not the way to address these issues as Oregonians do. Oregonians come from the point of respecting all. We need bills that reflect this and do hold people accountable to a certain civic and humane behavior.

Thank you for considering my opposition to this bill. HB4106 is not Oregonian.

It is not the solution we need, or any society needs. Police states are not answers, they are a fearful reaction.

We can and will do better. I look forward to working with all of you on these solutions and success that we have with the Portland with the Portland Public Police Behavioral Health Unit and their specialized training that we created together.

Simple accountability is a good aspect of our democratic society.

I oppose this HB4106. Thank you for voting "no" on this bill as Oregonians who care about humans and democracy.

Thank you,

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