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Oregon House Passes Bill to Strengthen Law Enforcement Transparency and Protect Oregonians from Unconstitutional Overreach

Legislation establishes clear identification standards, limits masked law enforcement activity and restricts intentional state assistance in unconstitutional federal actions

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Oregon House passed [HB 4138](#), known as the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA), a measure aimed at increasing transparency, accountability and clear standards for law enforcement and public agencies operating across Oregon.

The bill establishes statewide requirements for visible identification on law enforcement uniforms, restricts when facial coverings may be worn by officers, and sets guardrails on how public employees and agencies interact with federal and out-of-state law enforcement operations. The legislation gives people the ability to go to court to stop a violation before it continues or causes further harm.

“Fascism isn’t knocking at our doors anymore, it is knocking down our doors without warrants,” said **Rep. Chaichi** (D - Beaverton, Aloha). “This bill will meaningfully work to protect scared Oregonians by establishing uniform, minimum standards for all law enforcement operating in Oregon — local, state, and federal — so authority is visible, accountable, and transparent.”

Under LEAVA, law enforcement agencies operating in Oregon must ensure their officers visibly display their name/badge number and agency identification while on duty and actively engaged in law enforcement activities. Agencies are also required to adopt and publicly post policies

restricting the use of facial coverings to limited, clearly defined circumstances such as undercover assignments or certain tactical operations.

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LEAVA also creates a clear firewall between Oregon and unconstitutional federal overreach. It prohibits state and local public employees from intentionally helping with federal or out-of-state actions that target people for who they are, what they believe, or for exercising their constitutional rights— including unlawful searches or seizures. This bill supports public employees by backing them with state law when they decline to participate in unconstitutional actions.

"People in positions of authority should not be anonymous. Visibility builds professionalism. Visibility builds trust. But visibility alone is not enough," said **Rep. Trần** (D - NE Portland). "My family had to flee the violence and chaos of the Vietnam War. I understand how fear can shape daily life when authority feels unchecked or unclear."

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"In every profession that carries authority — whether in healthcare, finance, or public service — we rely on clear standards. Patients trust doctors because credentials are visible, and oversight exists. The same principle applies here," said **Rep. Javadi** (D - Tillamook). "That consistency matters - especially in small communities like mine on the coast, where people know each other and public trust is personal."

HB 4138 gives individuals a clear path to hold agencies accountable and stop unlawful conduct.

"When anonymous masked officers make violent, warrantless arrests of Americans, I am aghast and angry. These tactics diminish Oregonians' trust in all of our law enforcement officers," said **Rep. Andersen** (D - Salem).

HB 4138 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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