

Vote explanation on HB 2936:

I voted no on HB 2936 B because I believe racism and religious discrimination has no place in law enforcement. The bill demands scrutiny of a law enforcement candidate's "beliefs" and "attitudes" about specified classifications and groups of people. There are no definitions for many of the important key terms that may result in the rejection of a law enforcement candidate from consideration as a law enforcement officer. The plain language of the bill suggests that someone who belongs to a church that believes, for example, in traditional marriage, would be red-flagged during the required psychological assessment of an applicant's "opinions" of "diverse populations". There are other such potential outcomes that might result in law enforcement candidates being discriminated against based on subjective, undefined and politically-charged terms that depend on the political pressures and viewpoints of whom ever is appointed to carry out the edicts spelled out within this law and set the policies related to hiring of law enforcement officers.

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