

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist.

“HB 4208A the tear gas bill, like other so-called police accountability bills, was gut & stuffed by the Democrat Speaker of the House of Representatives by amendment. The new amended phony bill effectively does nothing in practice in the State of Oregon. Tear gas is used to disperse crowds. While the bill states an “agency may not use tear gas for purposes of crowd control” it has an exception if ORS 166.015 applies to the situation. ORS 166.015 defines any actions of five or more people that might cause public harm or are tumultuous. Any crowd of five people can be tear gassed under this law. Again, this bill changes nothing. The bill is a supermajority shenanigan for political purposes when actual reforms ought to be debated. Voted No.”