

Madame Secretary: Corrected vote explanation for the record please. Senator Boquist

“SB 204 is an attempt to improve police accountability by allowing certain non-law enforcement investigators access to the statewide law enforcement data system. No doubt independent access to records to respond to police complaints is needed but SB 204 as written is not the way. The bill delegates to partisan elected municipality city councils the authority to designate an organization to have access to LEADS. That is access to the statewide data of all Oregon citizens and law enforcement. Oddly, a county commission appointing a police oversight entity could not get access to the statewide law enforcement data system for the same purpose. This bill is really Portland centric. If that is the intent, then the City of Portland should designate the entity, then if needed, the legislature can place that entity into the law plus set restrictions. As example, the Portland Auditor has not legal need to have access to records in say Lake County etc. Simply needs a better solution than SB 204 as written.”