

SB 614 no vote. The SB 614 bill summary states “permits law enforcement agency to collect and maintain information about person’s political, religious or social views or activities if information was collected and maintained for lawful purpose, including activities carried out in accordance with policy for officer-worn video cameras.” Section 1 (2) states it is OK to spy on citizens if “the information was collected and maintained for any other lawful purpose, including but not limited to, activities carried out in accordance with ORS 133.741.” There is no testimony in favor on OLIS testimony link. One opposed. Verbal testimony by sheriffs was neutral. Despite discussion on the floor, seemingly unrelated to the bill, the words in the law are quite clear. It limits nothing. It expands political and religious surveillance authority. Further, the USDHS, USDOJ, and FBI have been very clear in advising local law enforcement anyone opposing the policies of government at any level should be considered a potential domestic terrorist thus subject of investigation. The USDOJ has targeted Catholic and other churches including in Oregon. Local law enforcement has been advised in Oregon to monitor churches, school boards, political organizations, and social media just like the rest of the nation. The original intent of SB 614 was to provide body camera clarifications but now widens government surveillance without a judicial warrant. The bill looks like a blatant attempt to circumvent the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as amended.