Police reform bills advance

BY JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN

The Oregonian

Oregon legislators passed 10 police accountability bills through the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, marking a major bipartisan step toward law enforcement reform.

The bills include directives for investigating officers' backgrounds more thoroughly before hiring them, regulating the types of munitions and weapons police can use, creating a public database with information about officers' misconduct and discipline, and requiring officers to have specific identification on their uniforms when working in a crowd.

The House Judiciary Committee is chaired by Janelle Bynum, a Clackamas Democrat. Ron Noble, a McMinnville Republican, and Karin Power, a Milwaukie Democrat, are the vice chairs.

The bipartisan efforts were hailed by Republican lawmakers, Gov. Kate Brown and others.

In a statement released shortly after the bills passed through the committee, the House Republican Caucus released a statement applauding the work of the committee. "I was honored to have been a part of this process, this was a team effort," Noble said. "I'm also thankful to Chair Bynum for her leadership to achieve true progress with bipartisan partnership."

Brown attended Tuesday's session, testifying in support of the bills prior to the



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Last year, Portland was an epicenter of Black Lives Matter protests, and police decisions were controversial. Legislation that advanced in the Oregon House this week would regulate the type of munitions officers can use and require them to wear clear identification, among other things.

vote. "I'm here tonight simply to encourage you to vote yes," she sad.

In a statement released later Tuesday evening, Brown cited the Public Safety Training and Standards task force, which she created last summer to review law enforcement training and practices. She said the recommendations of that group were reflected in one of the bills.

Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt also praised the efforts, calling them "historic.

"I applaud the Oregon Legislature for honoring and responding to the community's demand for deep and transformative change in the relationship between law enforcement and the community they serve," he said in a statement.

Police accountability was at the top of the agenda for the Legislature's Black, Indigenous and People of Color Caucus at the beginning of the session.

The caucus introduced, drafted or planned to develop more than 40 pieces of legislation, including Bynum's proposal to restrict law enforcement's use of munitions and require thorough background checks and racial bias tests for all police hires.

Both of Bynum's bills passed through the committee Tuesday.

Legislators may limit state's ability to conceal public health data

BY FEDOR ZARKHIN

The Oregonian

Oregon legislators could force the state's leading health agency to be more transparent by neutering a law that allows officials to conceal health information, including about the COVID-19 pandemic, that the public otherwise has a right to know.

Sen. Michael Dembrow,
D-Portland, said Oregon has
far too often erred on the side
of secrecy in its application
of the law, something health
agencies would not be able to
do if a bill he proposed this session gains approval.
"We're talking about legiti-

mate need to know for the public," Dembrow said at a legislative hearing for the bill March 24. Under Senate Bill 719, "when questions are asked, unless there's a reason not to, then information will be released."

Under the current version of his bill, the Oregon Health Authority and county health agencies would have to provide summarized health data in response to public records requests unless there is a legitimate risk that an individual's identity could be compromised. The legislation is still in its early stages, and future amendments could add caveats.

The Oregon Health Authority is the state's ultimate repository of health information, collecting data from coronavirus testing labs, contact tracers, providers who give COVID-19 shots and countless other entities.

Among other things, aggre-

gate agency data can reveal the scope of the disease's impact on Oregonians and help the public evaluate health officials' decisions.

In Oregon, the work of public agencies is considered the public's business — and a sweeping public records law requires most documents and data to be provided upon request. But the records law doesn't apply to public health investigations, such as those conducted when investigating COVID-19 cases.

As a result, the state has regularly used its blanket power to deny public records requests for pandemic data, whether or not that information would benefit the public.

Among other requests, the state has denied information about testing rates by ZIP code, statistics linked to early contact-tracing efforts and county-level race and ethnicity data about people infected by COVID-19.

In each case, the agency cited a state law that says that information agencies gather in investigating outbreaks "is confidential and is exempt from disclosure," allowing health agencies to choose what they disclose to the public, if anything.

In an indication of the state's flexibility in the application of the law, the health authority has on numerous occasions reversed course on a public-records denial after pressure from the public and the media.

Lawmakers look at improving long-term facilities

Associated Press

Oregon lawmakers have been considering a bill which would establish staffing ratios in long-term care facilities based on patient needs.

Sen. Sara Gelser, D-Corvallis who is Senate Bill 714's co-sponsor, said there's not a one-size fits all approach, KLCC reported. "Ultimately, this is about the residents that live in these facilities and their right to have dignified lives, to be safe, to be comfortable," Gelser said. "For them to do that, they need to be supported by staff and staff are exhausted."

Gelser said with the pandemic limiting family members' access to care homes, staffing issues have become more appar-

ent as often family would normally help out with care. She added staff need more training, support and pay.

Senate Bills 714 and 703 would require the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority to adopt quality metrics for caregiver registries, home health agencies, in-home care agencies and certain residential care facilities.

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meeting is to receive
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at 2804 SW Sixth Street, Redmond, Oregon 97756 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. This meeting will be held via conference call and streaming only. Any person may virtually join this meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of this notice and link to streaming can be found at www.hdesd.

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