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WITNESS NAME: FRED J. FARRIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA PETRIE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-6092	
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This is a bad Bill and I trust Mr. Myers 0%! This Bill was handled wrongly!



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HB 225 is a dangerous and misguided bill that prioritizes unchecked law enforcement authority over the safety and rights of the public. By permitting officers from outside jurisdictions—including those from other states—to operate within our communities without clear accountability, this bill invites potential misuse of power and undermines local oversight. For instance, during the 2020 protests in Portland, Oregon, federal officers from outside the state were deployed, leading to widespread reports of excessive force, arbitrary detentions, and a lack of transparency. These incidents eroded public trust and created chaos rather than ensuring safety. HB 225 risks repeating these mistakes by allowing outside officers to act without the same level of accountability as local law enforcement, leaving our communities exposed to potential overreach and abuse. Additionally, the provision allowing police vehicles to operate without audible or visual signals during surveillance or when responding to suspected crimes is a reckless and unnecessary change. This poses a direct threat to public safety, as drivers and pedestrians rely on these signals to navigate safely around emergency vehicles. For example, in 2019, an unmarked police car in New York City, operating without lights or sirens, was involved in a high-speed chase that resulted in a collision with a civilian vehicle, injuring multiple people. HB 225 would normalize such practices, increasing the likelihood of similar accidents. Moreover, this provision raises serious concerns about transparency. If officers can operate without clear identification, how can citizens distinguish between legitimate law enforcement activity and potential impersonators? This ambiguity could lead to dangerous misunderstandings and further strain community-police relations. Rather than expanding law enforcement powers, HB 225 should focus on addressing the systemic issues that have fueled calls for reform across the nation. The bill does nothing to improve training, promote de-escalation, or strengthen community policing—measures that are proven to build trust and reduce conflict. For example, cities like Camden, New Jersey, have seen significant success in reducing crime and improving community relations by disbanding and rebuilding their police departments with a focus on accountability and community engagement. HB 225, by contrast, ignores these proven strategies and instead grants law enforcement broader authority without corresponding safeguards. This approach is not only irresponsible but also counterproductive to the goal of creating safer, more just communities. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and instead pursue policies that prioritize accountability, transparency, and the well-being of all citizens.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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****Testimony in Opposition to HB 225 – Law Enforcement Practices****HB 225 is a deeply concerning piece of legislation that threatens to erode public trust in law enforcement and undermine the safety and rights of communities. By allowing law enforcement officers from outside jurisdictions—including those from other states—to operate within our communities without the same accountability measures as local officers, this bill opens the door to potential abuses of power. For example, an officer unfamiliar with local laws, customs, or community dynamics could escalate situations unnecessarily, leading to tragic outcomes. We have seen this play out in other states where outside agencies have been brought in during protests or emergencies, resulting in excessive use of force and civil rights violations. This bill does not provide sufficient safeguards to prevent such incidents, leaving our communities vulnerable to over-policing and misconduct. Furthermore, the provision allowing police vehicles to operate without audible or visual signals during surveillance or when responding to suspected crimes is a dangerous overreach. This creates a significant risk to public safety, as drivers and pedestrians rely on these signals to anticipate and respond to emergency vehicles. For instance, if an unmarked police car speeds through a residential neighborhood without lights or sirens to pursue a suspect, it could easily lead to accidents or even fatalities. This provision also raises serious concerns about transparency and accountability. Without clear signals identifying law enforcement activity, how can citizens be sure that the individuals claiming to be officers are indeed who they say they are? This ambiguity could be exploited by bad actors, further eroding trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Finally, HB 225 fails to address the broader systemic issues within law enforcement that demand urgent attention. Rather than focusing on improving training, de-escalation tactics, or community policing, this bill prioritizes expanding the reach and powers of law enforcement without corresponding measures to ensure accountability. For example, the bill does not include provisions for cross-jurisdictional oversight or mechanisms to address complaints against out-of-state officers. This lack of accountability is unacceptable and risks perpetuating the very problems that have led to widespread calls for reform. Instead of passing HB 225, we should be investing in policies that build trust, promote transparency, and prioritize the safety and well-being of all citizens. This bill is a step in the wrong direction, and I urge lawmakers to reject it.