# **IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Direct the Portland Police Bureau to inventory its crowd control tools and submit written reports to Council, and establish new authorization procedures for the Portland Police Bureau's acquisition and procurement of military-style equipment and submit written reports to Council (Resolution)

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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

City Council, City staff, and members of the public have little knowledge of the full scope, composition, purpose, and size of crowd control munitions or crowd control equipment at the disposal the Portland Police Bureau at any given time. This lack of transparency created harm and a misuse of City resources during the Black Lives Matter demonstrations in the Spring and Summer of 2020, when demonstrators were exposed to chemical munitions with unknown ingredient lists and health effects. Bureaus such as the Bureau of Environmental Services expended public resources to determine the level of contaminants in public resources and infrastructure. Members of Council and members of the public learned what tools the Bureau had at its disposal only after such munitions and equipment had already been purchased and deployed.

This resolution will require timely reporting on the contents, purpose, cost, and—where applicable—ingredient list of crowd control munitions. This resolution will also establish new authorization procedures for police bureau acquisition and purchase of military-style equipment as designated by President Barack Obama's Executive Order 13688. The bureau will be required to obtain prior authorization from the Commissioner-in-Charge or the City Council as described in more detail in the Resolution. The Police Bureau will submit quarterly written reports to Council on both inventory and acquisition/procurement of military-style equipment. In addition, for any period when the bureau uses or deploys such munitions during protests or demonstrations on three or more days within any seven day period, it will also submit weekly reports within five business days of initial deployment and for the duration of the higher frequency deployment. The Chief of Police is responsible for submitting the reports to Council and designating someone in the bureau who will ensure timely reporting.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

No financial or budgetary impacts.

### Community impacts and community involvement:

This resolution was created in response to community concern about the bureau's use of chemical munitions, and the lack of information from the bureau about what chemicals the public had been exposed to, as well as potential impacts to soil and sewer systems. Regular reports will allow Portlanders to make decisions about exercising their democratic rights with understanding of how their health and safety might be affected. This resolution

was developed in collaboration with Unite Oregon, Imagine Black (FKA PAALF), and the Portland Police Bureau.

## 100% Renewable Goal:

# **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

Does this action change appropriations? X NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount