

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Accept report on Crowd Control and the Portland Police: A Policy Review Conducted by the Crowd Control Workgroup of the Citizen Review Committee

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Citizen Review Committee (CRC), as part of its mission, listens to community input and makes policy recommendations. In the months following the Occupy Portland events of late 2011, the CRC heard feedback from the community about the Portland Police Bureau's response to crowds and protests. Based on this, the CRC created the Crowd Control Workgroup. The report and recommendations we are submitting are the end product of our workgroup.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A

Community impacts and community involvement:

This report would impact all residents of the city in ways that we believe would be positive. All residents benefit from orderly, peaceful protests and demonstrations and a reduction in confrontations between protestors and the police. The workgroup reviewed policies in other cities and national best practices.

The recommendations were drafted after significant community input and involvement. The report itself details many of these activities designed to solicit public input, including, a public form, group meetings, individual meetings or interviews, and a review of relevant published research. Some examples of meeting guests, attendees, and/or interviewees include individuals with the Occupy Portland movement, the City Attorney's Office, the Police Bureau's Incident Command and Rapid Response teams, the AMA Coalition, the OIR Group, the ACLU, NLG, a few defense attorneys, and a local judge.

The primary objections to the proposals the CRC and the Crowd Control Workgroup has heard so far have come from citizens who have stated they believe the recommendations should discuss, in greater detail, the various types of force the police bureau may or may not use against protestors and how that use of force should be significantly restricted. The workgroup believes the current Portland Police Bureau use

of force policies apply to crowd control situations as they do in other situations. The workgroup did not elect to create separate, more restrictive use of force policies for crowd control situations.

The Portland Police Bureau has yet to formally respond to our report, but the Crowd Control Workgroup is meeting with Chief O'Dea on January 12th, 2015 to discuss.

The CRC Crowd Control Workgroup will be testifying.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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