



People Power Washington

Join People Power Washington along with our allies in a call to action. Protect the gains we made with 1054 and advocate to protect the lives of the BIPOC community and all Washington residents. **There is a hearing for [HB1788](#) in the House Public Safety Committee on Tuesday January 18th at 8 am. Contact your representatives and let them know you oppose HB1788!**

Take action today: (but for sure before 7 am on Tuesday Jan. 18th)

Virtually participate in the committee hearing.

We encourage everyone to **[sign-in CON to HB1788](#)** - it is easy and takes **30 seconds!** (Make sure you mark CON. The default is pro, so be watching for that.)

Want to do more? Understand the issue so you can submit written testimony, contact members of the House Public Safety Committee, and/or Provide Public Testimony (links at the bottom of the email)

Background:

- Last year we advocated for [1054](#) and it successfully passed into law!
- 1054 banned deadly chokeholds, no-knock warrants, military equipment, and high speed vehicular chases that needlessly escalate police encounters and cost lives
- High-speed vehicular pursuits are prohibited under 1054 unless:
 - there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed or is committing a violent offense

- the person poses an imminent threat to the safety of others and the safety risks of failing to apprehend or identify the person are considered to be greater than the safety risks associated with the vehicular pursuit under the circumstances.
- [Click on this link to gain a more in-depth understanding of last year's legislation and what it does and does not do.](#)

We oppose HB1788 because:

- HB1788 would revert to a previous standard of Reasonable Suspicion for vehicular pursuits - a low standard that does not require evidence of a crime
- If HB1788 were to pass it would reverse gains made by 1054
- Both King County and Seattle Police Department restricted high-speed vehicular pursuits long before 1054 went into effect and do not report any decreased ability to carry out officer duties
- The outcome of a reasonable suspicion standard opens the door to biased policing and has been at the expense of human life
- High-speed vehicular pursuits needlessly put lives at risk. Those most often killed in high-speed vehicular pursuits are innocent bystanders and law enforcement officers

[Submit Written Testimony](#) **against HB1788** - Takes 2 minutes, closes 24 hours after hearing

[Testify Live During Hearing](#) - Has the greatest impact! - sign-up closes January 18th @ 7am

Email members of the House Public Safety Committee and let them know you oppose HB1788.

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