



Excessive Use of Force: Disparities and Barriers to Police Accountability in the State of Washington

The Washington Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a series of online public panels to hear testimony regarding the disproportionate impacts of police use of force and whether specific state laws create barriers to accountability. The Committee will consider civil rights concerns with regard to the impact police use of force has on individuals on the basis of race, LGBTQIA and disability status. Through this fact-finding exercise, the Committee will provide recommendations on the legislation and administration of these topics. The final panel will be **Tuesday, June 22, 2021 3:00pm – 4:30pm PT**. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/6y2d37hj>

Public Participation

Members of the public are encouraged to share their opinions and experiences with the Committee. Comments could include your personal experiences and/or your perspective on excessive use of force, the relationship between police use of force and community trust, officer safety, the communities' role in police accountability, and why you support or oppose the current policies and practices for accountability for police use of force in your community. You can participate in two ways: during the public comment section of the next online panel or through a written statement.

Public Comment:

The Committee will hear comments from the public at the June 22nd panel from approximately 4:05pm–4:25pm PT. You can participate in the panel with either an internet or phone connection. Access instructions provided upon registration. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/6y2d37hj>

Written Testimony:

If you are not able to participate in the online panel, the Committee will also accept written comments emailed to Brooke Peery at bpeery@usccr.gov by **Thursday, July 22, 2021**. *Statements can be submitted in any language or format (written, voice memo, video, etc.) that you find accessible.*