

June 8, 2017

Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Basic Rights Oregon, we respectfully request your support for HB 3464, an immigrant privacy right bill.

Basic Rights Oregon works to ensure that all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Oregonians experience equality, including LGBTQ immigrants.

Thirty years ago, the Oregon Legislature put into law ORS 181A.820 clarifying public employees' role in enforcing immigration within the state. However, the recent crackdown by Immigration and Custom Enforcement in Oregon has created confusion and fear for public employees on what information must be shared, what information may be shared and what information cannot be shared to protect the privacy of Oregonians.

HB 3464 provides much-needed clarity to school administrators, courthouses and local officials across the state on their role and what information is appropriate to be shared with federal officials, while respecting the privacy of all Oregonians.

Basic Rights Oregon supports HB 3464 because all immigrants, including LGBTQ immigrants deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

We hope that you will join us in support of HB 3464.

Thank you,

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