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TESTIMONY FOR THE HEARING ON HB 3436, June 8, 2017

Honorable Members of the House Rules Committee:

I ask you not to send HB 3436 forward; please allow it to expire in the Committee. It is a very flawed bill, harmful to the state and the nation

It attempts to preempt federal immigration law and undermine its enforcement. Especially in today's dangerous world, immigration must be carefully controlled. It is reckless to encourage people to immigrate to this country in disregard of our basic laws made to protect the safety and well-being of U.S. citizens. Immigrants who enter uninspected or overstay their visas are illegal aliens; that is the correct legal term for them.

An [Oxford University](#) study of Gallup surveys between 2007 and 2010 showed that nearly 700 million adults would like to move to another country permanently, and the U.S. is the no.1 desired destination. We cannot possibly accommodate every person who would like to live here.

HB 3436 is a bill that jeopardizes **necessary** controls over immigration.

Thank you if you will stand up for citizens and our nation's safety and well-being, which are doomed if we have open borders, nullify national laws, and welcome unlimited numbers of persons to settle here and circulate freely in Oregon or elsewhere in this country.