



Testimony in Support of HB 3464

Submitted to the House Committee on Rules

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Chair Williamson, members of the committee,

Partnership of Safety and Justice (PSJ) supports HB 3464. PSJ is a nonprofit organization that advocates for public safety and criminal justice policies in Oregon. We advance solutions to crime that ensure justice, equity, accountability, and healing.

Protecting the rights of all Oregonians is essential to building safe, healthy communities. We at PSJ understand how the work of enforcing immigration law impacts families and communities, particularly for communities of color, in ways that can be destructive to public safety overall. Recent activities of Immigration and Custom Enforcement in Oregon have created confusion and fear in many communities. It has also caused confusion for public employees regarding what information must be shared, what information may be shared and what information cannot be shared to protect the privacy of Oregonians.

HB 3464 will help ensure that children and families can access critical services and support without fear. It will also give our public officials, school administrators and others the clarity and guidance they need to be sure they are in compliance with state and federal law when it comes to sharing sensitive information about community members.

The strength and health of everyone who resides in Oregon creates safer communities for all of us. Partnership for Safety and Justice supports HB 3464. We respectfully request your support of this measure.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Andrew Ko