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SUMMARY

Urges Congress to enact legislation implementing internal Immigration and Customs Enforcement policy prohibiting enforcement actions in sensitive locations.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security:

We, your memorialists, the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas 1 in 12 children in Oregon are United States citizens living with at least one undocumented family member—more than 70,000 children; and

Whereas the future of Oregon is connected to the health, well-being and education of children in immigrant families; and

Whereas immigrant families contribute to the economy, with undocumented workers across major industries contributing over \$30 billion in federal and state taxes; and

Whereas children in stable families can thrive, but separation from parents, especially during early childhood, has lasting impacts on children's growing brains; and

Whereas the stress caused by fear of being separated from parents puts children's growth and development at risk; and

Whereas deportation of parents often causes emotional distress, poor physical and mental health and poverty for children; and

Whereas fear of deportation of self, family members and friends adversely affects enrollment in critical children's health and development supports, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and health, education and housing programs among documented and undocumented immigrants alike; and

Whereas early care and education programs report decreased enrollment, trouble filling empty spaces, decreased parental participation and drops in attendance due to fears of deportation; and

Whereas fear of deportation increases distrust of local, state and federal law enforcement throughout a child's life, while protection from deportation increases community safety; and

Whereas Black immigrants and their children are more likely to be impacted by immigration enforcement; and

Whereas early childhood programs can have a positive impact on children of immigrants and must be safe, consistent and nurturing places of learning for children and families; and

Whereas United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has a policy that prohibits enforcement actions in sensitive locations, including schools and early childhood education centers; and

Whereas ICE's sensitive location policy is merely an internal policy without the force of law, and it is subject to change at any time; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to sign, legislation implementing the internal Immigration and Customs Enforcement policy that prohibits enforcement actions in sensitive locations; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each member of the Oregon Congressional Del-

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