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**Safeguards Against Inquiry into Immigration Status in Court**

**HB 2932 allows all individuals to access justice in our courts without fear from unintended consequences, intimidation, or harassment.**

**Overview:**

- Oregon criminal proceedings are open to the public, meaning that all information shared in court can be exposed to anyone.

**Current Practice:**

- Unfortunately, nothing currently prevents a court from inquiring on the record in open court about an individual's immigration status.

**Solution:**

- This bill clarifies that Oregon courts should not force a non-citizen to disclose in open court that they are not citizens of the United States.
- Being forced to announce in a public forum that one is not a citizen can be prejudicial to a non-citizen criminal defendant's case and may have other unintended consequences, such as triggering anti-immigrant harassment and discrimination.