

Testimony on HB 2932

I don't understand how protecting the status of an illegal alien criminal serves the "immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety," according to Section 3 of this HB 2932. Instead, these benefits are directly threatened by the fact an illegal alien criminal defendant is here at all. Forbidding a judge from asking immigration status before council can discuss immigration effects shouldn't be up to a defendant. Information about status is integral to determining his disrespect for the law.

According to the press release from the House Democrats, HB 2932 will protect the "privacy of Oregonians," ignoring the fact that illegal aliens aren't Oregonians at all, but are called that to artificially elevate their status. It's an insult to real citizens and legal immigrants when politicians try to train us to accept these blurred distinctions. House Democrats should protect citizens and legal immigrants instead of fight to keep illegal alien criminals safe from deportation. This only threatens the rest of us when they are repeatedly released.

This short summary of criminal alien crime in Oregon shows why criminal alien presence, not a lack of "privacy," creates the only threats to "public peace, health and safety."

In 2012 a member of my family was sexually assaulted by Jose Rosario Mendoza Lopez at a business where they were both working. He had been deported three times already.

In 2016 Bonifacio Osaguera-Gonzalez shot four people to death near Woodburn. He'd been deported six times since 2003.

In 2017 Enrique Solis-Garcia stabbed his ex-girlfriend to death in Medford, leaving their two children motherless.

In 2018 Multnomah County Sheriff released Sergio Martinez from another long string of arrests. Martinez then raped a 65 year-old woman and savagely beat another. He'd been deported between 12 and 20 times, according to which news report you read. Sheriff Reese cited the details of our sanctuary law for refusing to turn him over to ICE.

In 2018 Sheriff Reese released Martin Gallo-Gallardo from a domestic abuse charge, whereupon he stabbed his wife to death and dumped her body along a road near Sandy.

In 2019 law enforcement discovered a fraud ring that had distributed ten thousand fake I.D.s all over the U.S., allowing more criminals to take advantage of Americans.

If this kind of mayhem occurs because of our sanctuary policy, what is the point of giving illegal aliens more legal protections than they already use against us? In fact, the importance that the sponsors are giving to "privacy" is really a covert means of hiding the legal status of criminal aliens for their peace and safety—nothing more.

Governor Brown's assertion that HR 2932 is merely a way of protecting the privacy of Oregonians fails on two points. Illegal aliens aren't Oregonians or citizens, and conflating the terms is intellectually dishonest and obvious. Secondly, job applicants are routinely asked their immigration status by businesses that use e-Verify to prevent job theft. If this is common and legal in the hiring process, then the claim that a judge has no right to ask the status of criminal defendant is a naked attempt to protect criminal aliens from deportation.

As such, HB 2932 has nothing to do with "immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety." It is a blatant criminal alien protection bill. Having to conceal that fact under a veneer of civic benefits shows how bad it is.

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