

Senate Joint Memorial 1

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

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

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
3 States of America, in Congress assembled, and the United States Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity:

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

7 Whereas 1 in 12 children in Oregon are United States citizens living with at least one undocu-
8 mented family member-more than 70,000 children; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

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

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

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

11 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to
12 the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each member of the
13 Oregon Congressional Delegation and to the United States Secretary of Homeland Security.

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