

Yes on HB 3265

Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kelsey Provo and I live in Portland.

I support HB 3265 because I believe that all Oregonians, regardless of citizenship, deserve to live in a community where they are treated fairly and where their rights are respected. We are all Oregonians and part of Oregon's community, whether we were born here or came to live here. We all contribute to Oregon's collective prosperity and make Oregon the state that it is. HB 3265 addresses the gaps in Oregon's 34-year-old sanctuary law so that we can keep Oregon's state and local agencies out of the harm caused by the federal immigration system. We must act to put an end to the unfair racial profiling of Oregonians simply because they are perceived to be undocumented immigrants.

The Sanctuary Promise Act will accomplish the following:

**Disentanglement:** Builds trust in Oregon communities by clearly prohibiting local law enforcement and governments from working with and communicating with federal agents for the purpose of immigration enforcement.

**Private right of action:** Allows community members to seek accountability when the law is violated.

**Prohibition of detention contracts:** Prohibits state and local correctional facilities from contracting with the federal government for immigration detention.

**Prohibition of private detention centers:** Prohibits private entities like for-profit corporations from operating private prisons for immigrant detention.

**Courthouses:** Protects Oregon's justice system by enshrining into law the current state court rule that prohibits warrantless civil arrests in and around courthouses.

I work with families whose loved ones have been unjustly detained by ICE simply by virtue of having participated in Oregon's judicial system. I also work with individuals who have been unfairly targeted by ICE because of the color of their skin and perceived immigration status. Furthermore, I have seen the chilling effect of ICE activities in my community and among the people that I work with- many are afraid to report crimes to local law enforcement because they believe law enforcement will turn over their information to ICE. Allowing Oregon's local law enforcement to share information with ICE sows fear within our most vulnerable community members and we are better than that.

Immigrant Oregonians are our friends, neighbors, teachers, students, colleagues, and community members. They should be safe from unfair harassment and profiling just like any other Oregonian. While Oregon's sanctuary law is the nation's oldest and has formed part of our state identity for 30 years, state and local government agencies across Oregon still assist ICE agents in targeting and arresting Oregonians. This cooperation with ICE leads to unnecessary detention and separation of Oregon families. The Sanctuary Promise Act protects Oregonians from racial profiling and ensures that local police and resources will not be used for federal immigration enforcement. It ensures that Oregon families stay together and protects our most vulnerable community members.

In 2018, Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of Oregon's sanctuary law. Now the 2021 Legislature can make it stronger, to protect Oregon families and preserve local resources. I support this bill because I have seen the destruction ICE has had in my community and believe the Oregon cannot thrive unless we get ICE out of our community and out of Oregon.

Thank you.

Kelsey