

SUBJECT: Yes on HB 3265

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

My name is Olga L. Acuña, and I live in Hillsboro, Oregon.

I am writing on behalf of the Latino Policy Council of Washington County, in support of HB 3265. We need to act to put an end to the longstanding and unfair racial profiling of Oregonians simply because they are perceived to be undocumented immigrants

The Sanctuary Promise Act accomplishes 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.

This bill is important to advancing racial justice in the State of Oregon

- Oregon's sanctuary law is the nation's oldest and has formed part of our state identity for 30 years.
- However, state and local government agencies across Oregon still routinely share information and cooperate with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to target and arrest Oregonians.
- Despite Oregon's long-standing sanctuary law, local police and resources are being used to support federal immigration enforcement. This destroys trust in communities, tears apart Oregon families, and makes all of us less safe.
- The Sanctuary Promise Act protects Oregonians from racial profiling and ensures that local police and resources will not be used for federal immigration enforcement.
- The past four years have shown us just how broken the federal immigration system is. We have seen children held in border camps, families separated, and

federal immigration agents making terrifying arrests in our courthouses and in our communities.

- Here in Oregon, we can't fix the broken federal immigration system, but we can strengthen the law that protects Oregonians from racial profiling and contributes to thriving communities where people are treated with dignity.

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. **We urge your YES vote on HB 3265**

Thank you.

Olga L. Acuña
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