



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF HB 3265 The Sanctuary Promise Act

To: Chair Bynum and Members of the House Judiciary Committee
From: United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555
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United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 strongly supports HB 3265 to protect Oregonian families and preserve local resources. As members of the Fair Shot Coalition, we support this policy as part of our ongoing effort for racial and immigrant justice.

UFCW Local 555 is over 25,000 workers strong in Oregon in Southwest Washington, and the largest private sector labor union in Oregon. We are a diverse group of workers who take pride in acting as a strong collective voice for working people. Our members come from a number of industries, including grocery, retail, food processing, manufacturing, and healthcare.

Oregon holds a decades-long commitment to protecting its residents regardless of documentation status through sanctuary law. We are a state committed to ensuring our neighbors are equally protected from harm, unfair harassment, and profiling in all forms. It is crucial we continue to uphold these commitments, and revise our sanctuary laws to address the systematic harm currently inflicted by local agencies to immigrant communities in our state.

Across Oregon, state and local government agencies perpetuate severe harm to immigrant communities through the use of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to target and arrest Oregonians. The widespread usage of ICE agents inflicts intergenerational wounds on entire families and communities, jeopardizes the lives of marginalized communities and makes communities unsafe for all Oregonians.

Oregon voters in 2018 overwhelmingly voted in favor of Oregon's sanctuary law. Now the 2021 Legislature can make it stronger in order to protect all Oregon families.

The Sanctuary Promise Act would strengthen our current sanctuary law by accomplishing 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.

As our country reels from the horrors of children held in border camps, families traumatically separated, and federal immigration agents carrying out forceful arrests in our courthouses and in our

communities, we need effective and humane solutions that heal our communities.

We urge your YES vote on HB 3265.