

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 3265 - Sanctuary Promise Act.

*My name is Briana Paris, a 15-year Portland resident. I am an English-language educator and an immigrant and refugee advocate. I have had the privilege of working with students from all over the globe, many who came to the U.S. because life was not good in their country.*

I urge you to support HB 3265 because it strengthens Oregon's 34-year-old sanctuary law by, 1) creating a private right of action, 2) prohibiting public and private ICE detention contracts, 3) prohibiting warrantless arrests at Oregon's courthouses, and 4) preventing racial profiling in our jails.

*This bill would create further and necessary protections for our most vulnerable friends and neighbors and their families. I support this bill as an extension of basic human rights.*

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 3265. Please support this critical bill which, if passed, will ensure the protections that Oregonians believe they have under our current law will be a reality.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Briana Paris  
Multnomah County