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I support SB 1543 which would provide immigrant Oregonians with legal support during deportation proceedings. Oregon's immigrants are still very vulnerable to deportation which is why we need accessible, culturally responsive, and community focused legal services. Representation by an attorney is the single most important factor in deportation proceeding outcomes. Representation by an attorney improves someone's chances of staying with their family by 457 percent, and family stability is critical. All Oregonians should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of where they were born. Instead, those who are immigrants and refugees, especially those who are Black, Indigenous, or people of color, have faced increased immigration enforcement that includes racial profiling, detention, family separation, and potential removal to countries where they have fled violence and persecution.