

HB 4079 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Rep. McDonald**House Committee On Education****Action Date:** 02/11/26**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-3-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Dobson, Fragala, Hudson, McDonald, Rieke Smith**Nays:** 3 - Harbick, McIntire, Wright**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 2/11**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires school districts and institutions of higher education to adopt policies governing institutional responses to federal immigration authorities on school property and imposes reporting requirements. It declares an emergency and takes effect on September 30, 2026.

Detailed Summary:

- Requires school district boards and public higher education institution governing boards to adopt policies for confirming and providing notice when federal immigration authorities enter school property for enforcement purposes
- Specifies the content of the policies
- Requires training every other year
- Adds immunity from liability for K-12 and higher education employees and, by extension, their employers
- Requires public higher education governing boards to delineate campus boundaries and establishes related reporting requirements
- Exempts instances when federal immigration authorities enter a higher education campus to accompany a patient seeking medical care

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities on school communities
- Role of school personnel
- Provisions of the measure
- Experiences of students and their families
- Enforcement actions and tactics used by ICE officers
- Experiences of ICE officers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Plyler v. Doe*, guaranteeing public school enrollment for students regardless of immigration documentation status. Oregon Revised Statute 180.810 requires the Oregon Department of Justice to create [model confidentiality policies](#) for Oregon public bodies to limit, within the bounds of state and federal law, immigration enforcement at public schools and other public facilities. These model policies were most recently updated in February 2025.

In 2011, ICE issued a [memo governing enforcement actions at sensitive locations](#), including K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions. The memo was [revoked](#) in January 2025. On September 9, 2025, ICE issued a

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[statement](#) indicating that it does not generally conduct enforcement actions at schools and that secondary supervisor approval is required to do so. News reports in [Oregon](#) and [elsewhere](#) indicate that ICE enforcement actions can impact school operations.