

HB 4079 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

Carrier: Rep. Harbick
Minority Report

Action Date: 02/11/26

Action: Do pass with different amendments. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

Report Signers: Rep. Harbick, Rep. Wright

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires school district boards and higher education institution governing boards to adopt policies for providing notice when federal immigration authorities enter school property for enforcement purposes and specifies the content of the policies, training requirements, and exemptions. It requires all employees of school districts or higher education institutions, as well as state and local law enforcement agencies, to cooperate with federal immigration authorities carrying out actions concerning a person who is charged with or convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor and who has entered school property or a higher education campus. The measure also requires that written guidance on the requirement be inserted into institutional or district policies. It takes effect on September 30, 2026.

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:

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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 [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.