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I OPPOSE this bill.

While the bill is presented as guidance-focused, it effectively expands state involvement in the enforcement of federal immigration law—an area that is already complex, highly regulated, and the sole responsibility of the federal government. By directing the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to develop model policies related to immigration enforcement and encouraging public bodies to adopt them, this legislation risks blurring critical lines between state and federal authority.

Obviously the legislators in this state are not listening to the people. A legislative body that is voted on to represent the US Oregon Citizen is supposed to speak for the people they represent (supposedly Oregon US Citizens (ie; the only people who can vote them into office), It is quite obvious that this body has a higher priority than their voting base by using this short session to try and pass a bill that challenges federal law and has absolutely no benefit to the typical hard-working Oregonian that IS a US Citizen. It's time for you all to start thinking about how you are spending our money as it appears that you all are frivolously wanting to spend money at our expense on things that the people do not want. It is time to start concentrating on the economy and attracting businesses so that the people here can prosper. The No Tax Referendum is a fine example for all of you to wake up and hear us. The people want accountability, affordability, and legislators to work for its people and not against them.

The declaration of an emergency is also unwarranted. There is no demonstrated immediate threat that justifies bypassing regular legislative timelines and public scrutiny for a policy change of this magnitude. Emergency declarations should be reserved for true exigent circumstances, not policy shifts with long-term legal and social consequences.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose this bill.