



American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

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Salem, OR 97301

Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the more than 3,000 members of the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, our collective bargaining chapters at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology, and our faculty members in advocacy chapters across Oregon, we urge you to support HB 4079.

The last few weeks of ICE violence underscores the need for greater protections of vulnerable populations, particularly children, from the heavy-handed tactics employed by poorly-trained federal agents eager to inflict harm on both citizens and immigrants alike. This legislation will ensure that the campus community in Oregon's K-12 and higher education systems are aware of ICE activity on campus so that they can make decisions that will keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

ICE's reign of terror on peaceful populations and the targeting of people of color regardless of their immigration status indicates that in the absence of this bill, nothing will prevent ICE agents from targeting children, their parents, and their campus communities. Do we want to see our schools used [as traps to detain parents](#) trying to pick up their children? Do we want families in our state to suffer the way [Liam Conejo Ramos and his parents](#) did?

Our students and educators, regardless of their immigration status, are suffering because of the rising threat of ICE. As [Education Week reports](#), across the United States, immigrant populations are keeping their children at home for fear of their safety and rising anti-immigrant bullying. In effect, the federal government is creating a culture of fear and robbing these children of their futures, and it is the duty of our legislature to stand up in their defense.

For these reasons, we call on you to protect our schools and our students by supporting HB 4079. Thank you for your consideration.

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