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I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 1538.

This bill defends "illegal" behavior and lays responsibility on our education system for protecting illegal behavior.

Based on the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, in 1982, the Supreme Court ruled in *Plyler v. Doe* that states cannot constitutionally deny students a public education based on their immigration status.

In 2023, Oregon's immigrants paid \$2.1 billion in state and local taxes which helped fund this basic right. But the case did not include immigration enforcement.

This bill is an attempt to further obstruct the enforcement federal immigration laws deporting criminals. It incorrectly thrusts district superintendents and their designees (school employees) into the ad-hoc position of legal analyst & paralegal. There is absolutely no one qualified to even attempt "verifying the validity of any warrant or court order", be it for immigration enforcement or any other purpose, other than an attorney serving as District Counsel. There is no logical reason to intentionally jeopardize the receiving of federal education funds. To do so is to ignore the legitimate needs of residents within the State legally, no matter their economic or education levels.