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History is relevant and decisions should be made based on facts. Sanctuary law is to protect residents of Oregon not to reach across state lines and create laws within our state that are occurring in Michigan. Further, individuals who visit our state or who haven't gained residency in our state are not covered by the sanctuary statute for Oregon residents.

Oregons sanctuary law grew out of racial profiling by police officers of our state in the civil rights case of Trevino v Dalhin. Beginning in 1983 the state legislature attempted to pass HB 2450 it failed. They tried again during the 1985 session HB 2337 it failed. They tried again during the 1987 session HB 2314. It passed and ORS 181.850 was signed into law.

Since then the legislature has been busy adding to the original law. This has resulted in all taxpayers of our state to fund free medical, housing, lawyers to fight federal immigration, laws to sue, their very own hotline to report too, and funds to organizations that seek to assist them. But these laws protect a slim minority not the whole of the residents of Oregon. Residents are to be treated fairly under Oregons constitution. Get back to the original law passed under HB 2314 during the 1987 legislative session. Do illegal aliens have a right to testify about laws they have no right to vote on? Is that why the legislature fails to send these laws to the people and hide under the emergency clause saving them from a referendum? Do what's right for all Oregonians not just a select few. If the state gives free housing and free medical then all Oregonians deserve that.