

Support for HB 4079

School Policies Regarding Federal Immigration Authorities



February 4, 2026

Chair Hudson, Vice-Chair McIntire, Vice-Chair Dobson, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Oregon PTA and the thousands of parents, educators, and community members we represent across the state, we urge your support for HB 4079 which establishes clear, consistent procedures when federal immigration authorities such as ICE agents enter school property.

ICE has created confusion, fear, and anxiety for students, families, and school staff. ICE has ripped families apart¹, transported minors across state lines and just this weekend, ICE deliberately teargassed children².

The terror caused by ICE is real. This is not about immigration enforcement, this is about the safety of our children. Our children are injured, traumatized and afraid to leave the house. School attendance has dropped and learning has been impacted³.

As parents we place immense trust in our teachers and all school staff. Most of all we trust them to keep our children safe. We trust that schools let us know where there is something or someone putting them in danger. HB 4079 is about that trust.

The bill's requirements for timely notice help prevent misinformation and build trust within school communities. When families understand what is happening—and what safeguards are in place—they are better able to remain engaged and confident in their schools.

At a time when masked men with guns are jumping out of unmarked vans to spread fear and heartbreak in school communities,^{4 5 6} this bill provides transparency, consistency, and reassurance for families and educators alike.

For these reasons, Oregon PTA respectfully urges your support for HB 4079. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

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¹ Washington Post "[Trump's mass deportations bring a new wave of family separations](#)", September 17, 2025

² New York Times "[Portland, Ore., Mayor Calls for ICE to Leave After Children Are Tear-Gassed](#)", February 2, 2026

³ Chalkbeat "[Immigration enforcement appears to hurt test scores, and not just for immigrant students: study](#)", November 9, 2025

⁴ Officials at Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis Public Schools say officers from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, which is also a branch of DHS, came onto school property during dismissal time and tackled people, handcuffed two staff members, and deployed chemical weapons on bystanders, [according to Minnesota Public Radio](#).

⁵ "ICE broke into the day care and took a day care teacher while children were in that day care. They didn't just take her — they went back in and went into other rooms asking teachers for papers while children were inside." [Rep. Delia Ramirez D-ILL. said](#) the facility was "broken into by these masked agents with guns running through the day care."

⁶ A 15-year-old high school [student with disabilities was apprehended](#) at Los Angeles' Arleta High School at gunpoint.