



OREGON ACADEMY OF
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The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians supports SB 1570 and urges you to move this legislation forward during the 2026 legislative session.

OAFP represents family physicians and primary care clinicians across Oregon who care for patients of all ages and backgrounds in urban, rural, and frontier communities.

As family physicians, we rely on trust. When patients are afraid to seek care the consequences show up quickly in exam rooms, emergency departments, and community health outcomes. Over the past year, many of our members have seen patients delay, or avoid care altogether, because of fear related to immigration enforcement. Parents are missing pediatric visits, patients with chronic conditions are skipping follow-ups and medications, and people are waiting until conditions worsen before seeking help.

Our members are seeing patients staying away from clinics and hospitals because they are unsure whether health care settings are truly safe spaces. This fear does not stay contained within immigrant communities, it affects families, clinics, and public health across the state.

SB 1570 responds to this reality in a thoughtful and measured way. As amended, the bill makes clear that health care facilities exist (first and foremost) to provide care. It sets boundaries on access to certain areas of hospitals, protects patient privacy, and gives facilities clear guidance on how to respond if federal immigration authorities arrive. Just as importantly, it helps ensure that staff and patients have accurate information about rights and available legal resources, without fear of retaliation.

From a clinical perspective, this clarity matters. Family physicians want to focus on diagnosing illness, managing chronic disease, and keeping people healthy, not on navigating uncertainty about enforcement activity in clinical

spaces. The policies outlined in SB 1570 support the integrity of the patient-provider relationship while respecting existing legal requirements.

We believe this bill reflects what we know to be true as clinicians: people are healthier, and communities are stronger, when patients feel safe seeking care early and consistently.

For these reasons, the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians supports SB 1570, as amended, and respectfully urges its passage.