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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1594.

One of the many strengths of Oregon's values is its commitment to its own set of "sanctuary laws" but I understand the challenges for public agencies in reconciling federal immigration law with those sanctuary laws. Interaction with ICE and border patrol by all sorts of public agencies like schools or in health care situations has become fraught. I am pleased that the proposed legislation directs The Office of Immigration and Refugee Advancement to develop and maintain a model policy on which any state agency could base its own. This prevents each agency within the state from having to develop its own policy. I support SB 1594 as it helps all Oregon public agencies have such policies and procedures in place.

Thank you for reading my testimony in support of SB 1594. I hope that you will vote to have it become law.

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