



To: [Chair's name and members of the committee]

Re: [Support/Oppose] *bill #*

Date:

Latino Network was founded in 1996 by advocates for the needs of the growing Latinx community in Multnomah County. Since then, these grassroots beginnings have evolved into a continuum of services that support Latinx individuals, families, and communities. Our programs currently focus on education, advocacy & leadership, health & wellness, economic justice, youth empowerment & violence prevention, and arts & culture, engaging nearly 11,000 community members throughout Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties in the last year. We are the leading culturally-specific provider for Latinx youth, parent, and family services in the Portland area with the goal of serving the nearly 19% of Oregon's population who identify as Latinx or Hispanic.

Latino Network currently provides direct services to youth and families in Senate Districts 13-15 and 19-25 and House Districts 25, 26, 28, 29, 37, 40 and 42-50.

We support HB 4111 and urge you to vote yes to ensure we continue to live in a free society governed by due process, innocent until proven guilty, liberty and justice for all

Immigrants make our economy run: 1 in 8 workers in Oregon is an immigrant-- many of whom worked around-the-clock during COVID-19 to keep food on our tables, to care for our loved ones, and to keep our economy running. Without immigrants, Oregon's economy simply would not work. The constitution is clear, their presence and contributions afford them rights, and there must be accountability when those rights are violated.

*From community member, Rosa: Oregon must strengthen our ability to pursue lawsuits against the federal government for violation of our 4th amendment rights. I urge all members of the Oregon house and senate to pass HB 4111, and HB 4114. With the passage of these bills, Oregon will send a strong message of support for the rule of law, and to fight to defend our constitutional rights.*

*From community member, Theresa: Federal overreach is forcing states and community members to increase protections for all members of our communities and especially for underrepresented and unrepresented groups. It's our duty as community members, whether natural born citizen, naturalized citizen, or noncitizen to support and protect our communities for the present and for the future.*

We as a state should do everything we can to end discrimination, which is why we're asking you to pass HB 4111.