



To: Chair Kropf and all the members of the committee

Re: Support HB 4138

Date: 2/4/2025

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 the Law Enforcement Visibility and Accountability Act and we urge your support too. The rules of professionalism, accountability and transparency that communities demand from law enforcement is key to maintaining trust - trust that a person with a gun and a badge, who is allowed to put their hands on people to restrain and incarcerate them - will be held to the highest standards for conduct. No short cuts can be allowed when a mistake can cost someone their life.

If we are pulled over or otherwise interacting with local law enforcement, we expect to see a face, be at least told a name if not printed clearly on their chest, we expect some kind of video either body cam or car cam to ensure our safety. We expect to be able to access a police report after the fact. We expect changes in policy for police conduct to be debated and verified through the legislature and DPSST. And these expectations cannot change or be eroded simply because our officers are sharing the streets with entities that do share these commitments to professionalism, accountability and transparency. This bill is Oregon making our expectations clear, no matter what jurisdiction someone works for, they will treat our residents with respect and full due process of the law.

Regardless of what you think about immigration policy, these chaotic and lawless actions are eroding trust in massive ways. They are eroding trust among citizens, among people of all racial and cultural backgrounds, among white people just as much as they are terrifying immigrant communities who are just trying to follow the rules to remain housed, employed and in school.



Legislation like this from Rep Chaichi is our best attempt to mitigate the chaos and harm and set us up to maintain high standards so that we can maintain a road to building trust and safety here at home no matter what. Oregonians will be able to rely on the fact that their local police don't avoid identification and accountability.

Please vote yes on HB 4138.