



Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1570. For the record, my name is Isa Peña and I am the Director of Strategy for Innovation Law Lab. Our organization is an Oregon-based nonprofit that leverages the power of the legal system, technology, and advocacy to support our state's immigrant and refugee populations.

People make Oregon their home because they dream of what we all want - to live safely, care for our families, and contribute to our communities. Many immigrant and refugee Oregonians have faced unimaginable circumstances and are fleeing religious persecution or political violence. And yet, they have made Oregon their home and are contributing to Oregon's economy and workforce. They are our friends, teachers, healthcare workers and neighbors.

For over three decades, this country's rules on immigration enforcement have protected sacred spaces where individuals access critical human services like going to the emergency room or school. These protections, upheld typically in bipartisan fashion, were abruptly and arbitrarily changed on January 20th, 2025. This opened sensitive locations to immigration enforcement at the unfettered discretion of immigration agents, making it easier to detain individuals in former safe spaces and making it harder for immigrants of all status and their loved ones to access crucial services.

In April, Innovation Law Lab and Justice Action Center filed [\*Pineros Y Campesinos Unidos Del Noreste \(PCUN\) et al v. Noem et al\*](#) to bring back the decades-long guidance that keeps these safe spaces safe for all. While that litigation is still ongoing, we have seen the effects this revocation has had on Oregon families. That is why today we proudly stand in support of Senate Bill 1570, Healthcare without Fear.

SB 1570 will ensure that hospitals and health systems throughout our state have policies in place on where federal immigration enforcement is allowed to be. Private areas of hospitals, where sensitive health information is often shared, should be off-limits to these agents who are often acting with limited accountability for their behavior.

Ensuring consistent guidance for these facilities will provide a level of comfort to Oregon's immigrant communities who are putting off both urgent and routine medical care for fear of what could happen when they leave their house.

Immigrant mothers should be able to take their kids to the hospital, without fear that they will be picked up by ICE. Immigrant Oregonians, even while in custody, should have their information protected.

We urge the Legislature's support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Isaura Peña". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Isa Peña  
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