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This bill is absolutely critical. In April, Avelo Airlines started flying deportation flights. Residents were abducted without due process and transported in shackles and handcuffs. Flight attendants were not allowed to communicate with the deportees. This unsafe situation violated FAA regulations. Because we did not have a measure like HB 4150 in place, the city councils and airport boards in Salem, Eugene, Medford and Redmond/Bend felt they had no power to limit Avelo Airlines' activity. They were afraid to cancel contracts, since exit clauses might have put large sums of taxpayer dollars at risk. Once this law is passed, municipalities will have the power to end contracts with bad actors who are violating our sanctuary law. Please don't let another airline take up the nefarious role that has been played by Avelo. Avelo only stopped due to activist pressure coordinated by citizens coast-to-coast. We need to nip such things in the bud and not allow them to develop to the horrific proportions we've seen in the last nine months. Thank you for passing HB 4150.