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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4114

I strongly oppose HB 4114, as it represents a wasteful and misguided use of Oregon taxpayers' resources. This bill seeks to undermine federal law enforcement by creating unnecessary barriers, such as mandatory notifications, identification mandates, and prohibitions on coordination with state agencies, all while allowing private lawsuits against individual federal agents for performing their duties. Rather than cooperating with the federal government, which operates with the best interests of all Americans in mind—including enforcing immigration laws, combating crime, and safeguarding national security—this legislation antagonizes federal efforts and imposes undue financial burdens on Oregonians through potential court costs and administrative overhead. Moreover, HB 4114 raises serious constitutional concerns. Under the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article VI), federal law preempts conflicting state regulations. By attempting to impose state-level restrictions and liabilities on federal agents enforcing federal statutes, this bill likely violates federal supremacy and could be struck down as unconstitutional, similar to challenges against comparable laws in other states. Such overreach not only wastes time and money but also risks hindering critical federal operations that protect public safety. This interference could extend to areas like election integrity, where federal agencies such as the FBI and DHS play vital roles in investigating voter fraud, foreign election interference, and threats to democratic processes. Obstructing these agents through state-imposed hurdles or lawsuits would compromise our ability to ensure fair and secure elections nationwide. I urge the committee to reject HB 4114 and allow federal law enforcement to fulfill their responsibilities without state-level obstruction, thereby prioritizing the safety and well-being of American citizens.