

I support safety and fair treatment of all Oregon students. I support HB 4079.

No students should be afraid to go to school or fearful while in school. Those who teach and provide other services to students should know how to protect everyone from illegal seizures or denial of due process or being terrorized by federal agents. The US can make reasonable immigration policies, but unfortunately that is not what is being carried out at this time by the federal government. Therefore, we need clear communication and safety procedures immediately in all our educational institutions, regarding immigration presence, in line with Oregon law.

HB 4079 is about keeping students safe and informing their families and their teachers. It has nothing to do with judging any particular individual's presence in Oregon. All students and all residents not only have rights but deserve to be treated fairly in accordance with law.

I call on all Education Committee members to pass HB 4079.