



Chair Sosa, Vice-Chairs Osborne and Chaichi, and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Isa Peña and I am the Director of Strategy at Innovation Law Lab. Our organization is an Oregon-based nonprofit that leverages the power of the legal system, technology, and advocacy to support immigrants and refugees.

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.

Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent, lawless ICE sweeps resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children but that is the reality many of us are living today.

These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response. How we spend our money as a state is a direct reflection of our values. Oregonians have made it clear time and again that we're stronger together. Oregon taxpayers don't believe that our money should fund family separations and the federal government's radical immigration enforcement agenda.

Right now, a company can receive public subsidies or contracts while simultaneously engaging in immigration enforcement activities that contradict Oregon law and values. Innovation Law Lab strongly supports HB 4150, which would ensure Oregon's dollars are used to uphold Oregon values.

Avelo Airlines, who previously contracted with the federal government to conduct deportation flights, has historically operated out of several Oregon airports and had several contracts to transport and deport immigrants. While Avelo has since terminated their operations on the West Coast, another company or entity could spring up in their place and offer similar services.

This bill ensures that our state stays ahead of the curve should any company's policy change in the future. Oregon has the right to spend resources in alignment with our state's values. Prohibiting public dollars from subsidizing companies misaligned with our values is a significant step towards our state continuing to stand behind the immigrant and refugee communities who have endured so much.

HB 4150 is part of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, civil liberties groups, unions, and community based organizations. I urge you to support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

We urge your support of HB 4150.

Sincerely,

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