



American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

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House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

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

On behalf of the more than 3,000 members of the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, our collective bargaining chapters at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology, and our faculty members in advocacy chapters across Oregon, we urge you to support HB 4150.

With each passing week of violence perpetrated by ICE agents in our state and across the nation, a growing number of Oregonians of all ages are standing together to say enough is enough. Many taxpayers are deeply opposed to both the mission and the methods employed by ICE, and this opposition should be reflected in how our tax dollars are spent. This bill will ensure that Oregon's tax revenue and public contracts are awarded to companies that mirror the values of our residents by requiring companies to make a choice between working with ICE/CBP and working with Oregon's state agencies.

This is an issue of particular importance in higher education because of the way that the Trump administration has abused our visa system and immigration enforcement to punish international students and faculty for exercising their free speech and academic freedom on any topic that is deemed "wrong-think" by the Trump administration. In fact, nationally the AAUP has successfully sued the Trump administration [to prevent these abuses from happening](#), but more must be done by our state to reject the nativist-vision for our country that Trump and his allies are attempting to impose through ICE enforcement.

Please help ensure that state revenue reflects the will of the people by passing HB 4150.

Thank you for your consideration.

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