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HB 4150 - No State Contracts with ICE | Public Dollars, Public Trust
House Commerce and Consumer Protections Committee

Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs and members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, for the record, my name is Representative Lamar Wise from SE Portland and North Clackamas, and I am here today to testify in strong support of the No State Contracts with ICE - Public Dollars, Public Trust bill.

At its core, this legislation is about alignment, aligning how Oregon spends public dollars with Oregon law and Oregon values. Oregonians have been clear about who we are and what we stand for. We are a sanctuary state that believes in due process, civil rights, and the dignity of immigrant communities. Our public spending should reflect those values.

This bill is simple: Oregon public money should not subsidize deportation efforts or unlawful actions that undermine due process and civil rights. If a company wants state contracts or grants, it must comply with Oregon law, including our longstanding sanctuary law.

Let me be very clear about what this bill does and does not do.

- This bill does **not** regulate the federal government.
- It does **not** interfere with federal immigration enforcement.
- It does **not** prohibit private companies from contracting with federal agencies.

What it **does** do is govern how Oregon spends **Oregon** money, an authority that squarely and unquestionably belongs to this legislature. We are the customer. And **as** the customer, we have the right and responsibility to set clear standards for how public dollars are used.

Right now, Oregon lacks those guardrails. While we have sanctuary laws, we do not have consistent contracting standards that prevent companies from receiving public dollars while simultaneously engaging in deportation activities that conflict with Oregon law and values. Without clear policy, public funds risk indirectly supporting actions that raise serious due process and civil rights concerns.

It establishes clear, forward-looking standards for state contracts and public subsidies. It ensures that companies benefiting from Oregon public dollars are not simultaneously facilitating deportations conducted without due process or cooperating with federal immigration actions that violate Oregon sanctuary law or constitutional protections. It provides clarity for state agencies, consistency across jurisdictions, and accountability for corporations seeking to do business with the state.

This bill is about public trust. It is about making sure that our tax dollars are not used in ways that harm families, traumatize communities, or contradict the laws we have already passed. If

companies want to benefit from public dollars, they must respect the people and principles of this state.

Public dollars. Public trust. I urge your support.

Thank you.