

TO: House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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RE: Support HB 4150, Public Contracts
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Chair Sosa, Vice-Chairs Chaichi and Osborne, and members of the committee,

Oregon Food Bank's mission is "to eliminate hunger and its root causes... *because no one should be hungry.*" Here's the reality we face: hunger in Oregon is already at crisis-levels, but this will continue to worsen as immigrants are deprived of basic needs, and face intimidation, deportation, and family separation.

The families we serve are terrified– terrified to go to work, terrified to get medical help, terrified to find food to feed their families. Families should never feel that seeking food is more dangerous than forgoing food.

When immigrant communities are targeted, families struggle, our economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point. These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response– one that considers how we spend our public dollars.

Oregon taxpayer dollars should not fund family separations and the federal government's radical and unlawful immigrant enforcement agenda. Oregon taxpayers do not believe this is a justified way to spend their dollars. Right now, a company can receive public subsidies or contracts while simultaneously engaging in immigrant enforcement activities that contradict Oregon law and values.

That is why we support HB 4150, which would require companies seeking state contracts to certify that they do not conduct business with the federal government for deportation or immigration enforcement. If a company wants state contracts or tax benefits, it will have to comply with Oregon law, including our longstanding protections for immigrants and refugees. Public dollars should reflect the public interest.

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. We urge you to rise to this moment and support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

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