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Hello,
My name is Austin Eversole and I a software programmer living in Beaverton, OR.
I strongly support this bill.

Federal immigration enforcement has time and time again performed warrantless detentions in my city, Washington County, and all over the State of Oregon over the last 12 months.

They often detain workers at their jobs, some of who are the primary income earners of their family. This leaves their kids and spouse in a state of emergency, especially if the spouse does not have their own income as they are sacrificing their time and career to raise their kids.

Washington County Board of Commissioners recognized this emergency and authorized \$200,000 to address immigrant community needs such as these.
I would ask the State of Oregon to do the same by passing this bill.

I'd like to end my testimony with this thought. Japan has a word "Shakai-jin" which has a positive connotation meaning a working member of society. It reflects a collectivist mindset centered on contributing to the greater good of society and the nation. Though American culture is more individualistic, we can learn a lot from the Japanese culture here. Many of our immigrant neighbors who are being detained and deported by federal immigration enforcement are the backbone working members of our society - workers in construction, manufacturing, hospitality, and chiropractors. This should not be happening. We must do everything we can to protect these essential members of our communities. For those who have been detained and jailed simply for being here, we must stand in solidarity and support their families.