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I support the objective of HB 4079 as long as the goal is transparency. Staff and students of educational institutions should know what the institution's policies are with respect to immigration enforcement activity at their facility. Staff should know what is expected of them. Staff, parents, and students should be able to decide whether they feel safe serving or attending any given institution.

I encourage the committee to consider directing the Oregon Department of Education and/or Attorney General to provide model policies solely as guidance for institutions. Alternate policy models should be provided without the assumption of a particular ideology towards immigration enforcement. Rather, the flexibility to determine their specific policy should be left to the affected community while making sure that community input is incorporated into the process.

I also encourage the committee to discuss how this initiative should be resourced at public schools that are already struggling with underfunding and an overworked staff.