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Public Hearing
HB 4079 A

Chair Frederick, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4079 A, which requires school districts, community colleges, and public universities to adopt policies related to federal immigration enforcement activities on campus, including notification requirements. OCCA supports the bill as amended.

We appreciate Rep. Finger McDonald's engagement with OCCA and our university partners to ensure institutions can comply with the bill's requirements consistent with existing state and federal laws. The adopted amendments address key implementation concerns, including when notifications must be issued and how "campus" is defined. We particularly support clarifying language that limits notifications to verified immigration enforcement activities and allows each community college district governing board to define campus boundaries that trigger notification requirements.

Oregon's community colleges are committed to maintaining safe and welcoming campuses. Colleges already have policies governing interactions with federal immigration authorities, and the Attorney General's Model Policies have guided recent updates following changes to federal sensitive-spaces protections. Colleges have also provided students and employees with information about their rights, responsibilities, and access to legal resources. Institutions continue to review and refine procedures in response to evolving circumstances and community needs.

We appreciate the revisions reflected in HB 4079 A and urge your support for the bill as amended.

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