



American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

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Senate Committee on Rules
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Star, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the more than 3,000 members of the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, our collective bargaining chapters at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology, and our faculty members in advocacy chapters across Oregon, we urge you to support HB 4138-A.

Several weeks ago in Salem, [a woman was dragged from her car by masked ICE agents](#) for the crime of being a person of color. As of today, there is no indication that the agents responsible for this assault, destruction of property, and violation of rights will face any repercussions.

We can not operate as a free society when we have masked agents assaulting members of our community and abducting them from our streets. This legislation will ensure that no law enforcement officer can attempt to obscure their identity in order to violate the rights of the residents of our state with impunity. Should any officer attempt to do so, this law creates mechanisms by which the aggrieved party can seek restitution. This is a common sense protection for any state that has a respect for the rule of law, and it is imperative that our legislature pass these protections this session.

For a safer and more just state, we urge you to support HB 4138-A.

Thank you for your consideration.

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