



# American Association of University Professors

*Academic Freedom for a Free Society*

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Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Pham and Elmer, 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 SB 1594-A.

The response in our state to the last few weeks of ICE violence reflects the deep distrust and disdain that an ever-growing number of Oregonians are feeling towards the intrusion of ICE agents into our communities. As such, this legislation will help ensure that there are clear guidelines for our state agencies to determine when and whether they must provide information to federal law enforcement or give them access to state facilities.

Articulated policies, standards, and procedures are particularly important in the current political climate, and guidance from the Office of Immigrant and Refugee advancement will help keep students, staff, and faculty at Oregon's public universities safe and their data protected. In addition, such guidance is important for the protection of all Oregonians as there have been numerous instances across the United States of local law enforcement inappropriately furnishing information to ICE officials in contravention of state law. For instance, [Southern California law enforcement agencies were found to have inappropriately shared data with ICE](#) more than 100 times in a single month last year. As [ICE explores more aggressive ways to circumvent data protections](#), anything that our legislature can do to clarify and reiterate the rights of our residents is vital at this time.

To protect all Oregonians, please pass SB 1594-A.

Thank you for your consideration.

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