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I am Branden and I live in Cave Junction. I oppose of this because teachers and staff members should not interfere with Immigration officers and their investigations. I have not seen any Immigration officers around communities near schools in my area. I see students protesting abolishing ICE with zero knowledge on immigration policies. And this saddens me because my aunty is a family of legal immigrants from Samoa. My aunty, her family and her community do not align with these ideologies where teachers are scaring kids when kids don't know any better. I say that the education system needs to focus on educating students and comply with immigration officers in their investigations. Because you do not have all the money in the world when a child and/or teacher loses their lives because as elected officials you did not think this through. Besides, ICE agents are not targeting school grounds. I know this because I participated in an abolish ICE protest not because I support it, but I simply wanted to know what is actually going on in the brains of these high school students. Most of these students are protesting because of peer pressure of trying to fit in and fear of retaliation from their teachers and friends. So please, hear us when we say this bill will do more harm to children and teachers than it actually protecting them.