



**COUNCILOR TIFFANY KOYAMA LANE
CITY OF PORTLAND**

February 24, 2026

Senate Committee on Education
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your work to provide greater clarity and protection associated with the disturbing overreach we have seen related to federal immigration enforcement over the last year. House Bill 4079 is a solid and reasonable example of these efforts.

The City of Portland is home to nearly one hundred thousand students across multiple public school districts and post-secondary institutions. Our students deserve to feel safe, supported, and protected when they walk through their school doors so schools can be spaces for learning, development, and stability. Despite this, we have seen increasing reports of federal immigration enforcement activity near and, in some cases, on school grounds. The presence of federal immigration agents has created profound anxiety for students and families. When students are in fear for themselves, family members, and loved ones, their ability to learn is fundamentally disrupted.

As an educator, I have seen firsthand how important it is that our schools provide a safe and stable environment for every student. Educators and administrators cannot effectively serve our student population when left without clear guidance during high-stress enforcement situations. For these reasons, I proudly stand with many other educators and school administrators in support of House Bill 4079, which will require our public education institutions to adopt clear policies outlining how to respond when federal immigration officers enter school property. This legislation ensures that staff are trained and that districts have coordinated protocols in place.

This bill is not responding to a hypothetical threat; it addresses real incidents happening in our communities on a regular basis. Without clear policies and training, schools are left to navigate complex legal and safety issues in real time.

Along with this letter, I have also enclosed the letter crafted by the full Portland City Council earlier this session conveying our unified support for the Legislature's efforts to safeguard

Oregonians from federal overreach. This letter expresses our collective support for a range of measures under consideration by this body. House Bill 4079 is an important part of a broader, coordinated effort to provide more certainty, safety, and stability for our communities and residents. We are proud to stand with the Legislature in support of HB 4079 and many of the other measures you are working on to support our communities across Oregon.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Koyama Lane

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Councilor, District 3



City of Portland

February 9, 2026

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Members of the Oregon Legislature,

On behalf of the City of Portland, we write to express our collective support for legislative action that will help reduce the fear and disruption caused by increased federal immigration enforcement in Oregon.

Over the past year, we have witnessed alarming federal action: warrantless raids, agents posing as utility workers, detention of caregivers in front of schools and in health care settings, excessive use of force against peaceful protesters, and unnecessary attempts to deploy the National Guard in our community. Portland values compassion, civil rights, and the rule of law. We appreciate your attention to these challenges and your commitment to defend the rights and safety of Oregonians.

As session progresses, we offer our strong support for legislation that provides clarity, transparency, and accountability without creating operational conflicts for local governments.

First and foremost, we want to recognize the immense burden that has been put on already under-resourced community-based organizations that serve immigrants and refugees. The dedication of these organizations and their volunteers exemplify our shared values and they need our support.

We applaud the legislature's ongoing commitment to legal representation for immigrants. We understand that resources are very tight and appreciate anything you can do to maintain access to Universal Representation.

Over the last year, we've received many calls from nurses and other medical professionals seeking guidance and assistance around interactions with federal immigration agents entering medical settings. Clear guidance will help our hospitals and health care providers protect patient privacy and access to care (SB 1570). Similarly, our schools and school districts will also benefit from clear expectations, communication protocols and practices when federal agents enter school campuses.

We strongly support efforts to avoid having state resources go to anyone assisting in tearing families and communities apart. We agree with efforts to prohibit state contractors and grantees from assisting in deportation without judicial orders. We also support legislation that would ban the use of immigration status in civil cases, strengthen anti-discrimination laws, and protect Oregon data so it cannot be sold to or used by the federal government.

As you continue your work, we are interested in policies related to deployment of the Oregon National Guard. Strong statements are needed to show our respect for the people who serve in the Guard and the Governor's authority over deployment.

Last but certainly not least, we are deeply alarmed by accounts of masked federal agents in unmarked vehicles without license plates refusing to identify themselves, conducting raids at all hours, and targeting people at courthouses, hospitals, and schools. We support legislative efforts that set reasonable statewide standards for law enforcement identification with sensible health and safety exceptions. It is more important than ever that our communities be able to distinguish federal and local law enforcement and trust that local law enforcement is expected to serve and protect everyone.

The City of Portland stands ready to collaborate with legislators, refine these concepts, and provide practical insight from a local perspective. Together, we can uphold civil rights, protect public safety, and reinforce Oregon's commitment to fairness and justice.

Thank you for your consideration and partnership.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Zimmerman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Zimmerman
Councilor, District 4