

To: House Committee On Judiciary
From: Sarah Rasmussen
Re: Support for HB 4138
Date: February 25th, 2026

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr and members of the committee,

I strongly support and urge the passage of HB 4138, which ensures needed protection and accountability within our communities.

Law enforcement should be held to the highest standard of integrity, which includes being identifiable to the communities which they are sworn to protect and serve. This bill will help our neighbors differentiate between local law enforcement and federal agencies such as Immigration Customs Enforcement—thus reducing confusion, terror, and repairing trust in local government and democracy. A lack of transparency and identification creates an atmosphere of fear in our streets and disproportionately harms Black individuals, Indigenous individuals, and other People of Color, who are both historically and presently targeted and harmed by local and federal enforcement at higher rates.

Additionally, this bill prohibits state and local cooperation with federal efforts that target individuals because of their race, national origin or other protected status. Delineating clear lines between federal and local law enforcement and transparently outlining the extent of collaborations when they do occur is crucial to keep Oregonians safe and to hold individuals in positions of power accountable. Stand up for our friends, families, and neighbors, and say “no” to secret police and discriminatory practices!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4138.

With sincerity and concern,

Sarah Rasmussen