



OREGON LEGISLATIVE BIPOC CAUCUS

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Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Phạm, Vice-Chair Elmer, and Members of the House Rules Committee,

The BIPOC Caucus is in strong support of SB 1594A.

For the legislative session, we released our policy agenda that focuses on protecting people and addressing injustices – upholding dignity, due process, and safety for every Oregonian, and making clear that Oregon will not turn its back on the communities that make our state strong.

SB 1594A is a simple bill, although its impact is immense. It directs the Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) to collaborate with the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (OIRA) when updating model sanctuary promise policies, ensuring that the most impacted communities remain at the heart of these discussions.

As the first sanctuary state in the nation, we must make sure that the very policies designed to protect immigrants and refugees are guided by their voices at the table. With extensive experience in coordination and communication amongst state agencies, elected leaders, and community, OIRA is a perfect complement to the ODOJ.

The BIPOC Caucus stands in support of SB 1594A because it reflects the very core of our policy agenda: upholding dignity, due process, and safety for every Oregonian, and making clear that Oregon will not turn its back on the communities that make our state strong.

We strongly urge your support of SB 1587A.

Sincerely,

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