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Senate District 24 (D-East Portland, Damascus, Boring)

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Good Morning Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Elmer, and Members of the Committee.

My name is Kayse Jama and I represent Senate District 24, covering East Portland, Damascus, and Boring.

I come before you today to urge your support of Senate Bill 1594.

This is a simple bill that does only one thing: it directs the Oregon Department of Justice to collaborate with the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement when updating sanctuary law model policies.

It does not change the laws already on the books. It simply ensures that immigrants and refugees remain at the heart of the Sanctuary Promise.

I support this bill because immigrants strengthen Oregon every day. They are farmers, teachers, caregivers, and small business owners, even legislators. Oregon is their home. They raise their children here. They build their futures here. They have been our neighbors for a very long time.

Sanctuary Promise laws have existed in Oregon since 1987. They recognize the dignity and contributions of immigrant communities.

And because these laws are about protecting immigrants and refugees, their voices should help guide how these policies are carried out.

I am aware of a conflict resolution amendment, which my office supports.

I respectfully ask for your aye vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

State Senator Kayse Jama
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