

To: Oregon House Committee on Judiciary
From: Lana Maupin, Portland, House District 42
Date: February 2, 2020
Re: Support for House Bill 4121

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

Please support House Bill 4121.

Currently, the taxpayers of Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, and Gilliam counties are subsidizing ICE through ICE's contract with NORCOR. This is because it costs more to take care of an ICE detainee than ICE pays NORCOR per detainee. Those extra subsidies to ICE, are Oregon taxpayer resources that could instead be used for mental health services, education, and rehabilitation programs for people serving time in correction facilities. I think this would be a better use of resources and make local neighborhoods safer and healthier in the long run.

Adequate State appropriations to NORCOR would provide that facility with needed funds so it could end the contract with ICE, observe Oregon's Sanctuary Law, and meet goals of restorative justice.

Thank you for your consideration of House Bill 4121.

Sincerely,
Lana Maupin