

King of Kings Lutheran Church and Iglesia Conociendo La Verdad

Chair Bynum and Members of the Judiciary Committee

I am writing to urge you to support HB 3265, a bill that updates Oregon's more than 30-year-old Sanctuary law so that all Oregonians may feel safer.

I attend services at two faith communities, King of Kings Lutheran Church and Iglesia Conociendo La Verdad. I believe it is important to see truths from varied perspectives. I have a strong belief in the equality of all persons and the directive of my faith and conscience is to treat all people with respect and justice. All people are imbued with inherent dignity. The Sanctuary Promise Act seeks to establish that value in law.

As a participant in the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, and as a caring human person, my hope is that my friends who are immigrants will be relieved of some of the stress of everyday encounters that I may take for granted but may feel threatening to them. This law clarifies many points already affirmed by the state of Oregon. It goes further to anticipate and deter possible future inequities and injustices.

Please support this bill, important for our neighbors and for stronger communities in Oregon. Thank you for your attention to this important person centered legislation.

Respectfully,
Ellen Burns