

Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kim McCarty. I live in Portland Oregon. I am writing in support of HB 3265 we're all Oregonians. HB 3265 addresses the gaps in Oregon's 34-year-old sanctuary law so that we can keep Oregon's state and local agencies out of harm caused by the federal immigration system. We need to act to put an end to the unfair racial profiling of Oregonians simply because they are perceived to be undocumented immigrants.

Myself and members of my family have experienced racial profiling first hand. It is a constant threat and fear that no one should have to experience. I have seen it cause people to be mistreated, not receive healthcare, to be harassed in their own homes and be unlawfully detained. It has a chilling effect that can make you feel afraid to even go to work because ICE may do a sweep. It affects us all if people are afraid to seek healthcare during a pandemic. We all believe in due process and fairness. The Sanctuary Promise Act supports values we already aspire to. Here is what the Sanctuary Promise Act will do:

Disentanglement: Builds trust in Oregon communities by clearly prohibiting local law enforcement and governments from working with and communicating with federal agents for the purpose of immigration enforcement.

Private right of action: Allows community members to seek accountability when the law is violated.

Prohibition of detention contracts: Prohibits state and local correctional facilities from contracting with the federal government for immigration detention.

Prohibition of private detention centers: Prohibits private entities like for-profit corporations from operating private prisons for immigrant detention.

Courthouses: Protects Oregon's justice system by enshrining into law the current state court rule that prohibits warrantless civil arrests in and around courthouses.

Oregon's sanctuary law is the nation's oldest and has formed part of our state identity for 30 years. It does not make us law

In 2018, Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of Oregon's sanctuary law. Now the 2021 Legislature can make it stronger, to protect Oregon families and preserve local resources.

Thank you.

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