

FROM: SW Portland Huddle  
TO: House Judiciary Committee  
Letter in Support of HB 3265

The SW Portland Huddle writes in support of HB 3265.

Oregon's Sanctuary Promise Act is needed for our immigrant communities now more than ever.. The undocumented immigrant community in Oregon has suffered brutally in recent years. They have been profiled, targeted by social media and made to live in a near constant state of fear. Imagine people in our community afraid to receive medical help or food assistance. This is inhumane and unacceptable to anyone with any compassion for another human being.

Oregon's current sanctuary law was reaffirmed by 63% of the electorate in 2018. But there is a gap between the protections that Oregonians want and believe are embodied in law and the reality of actual ICE actions. This bill fills that gap and clearly defines the role of local law enforcement with regard to the ICE presence in our state.

If passed, this will be one of the strongest sanctuary laws in the country. Oregonians can be the example of what is possible in an open and compassionate society. This message is more important now than it ever has been. We need to make a statement about Oregonian values and the Oregon way by passing HB 3265.

The SW Portland Huddle has been meeting monthly since 2017. We represent a membership that has over 30 people, most but not all from SW Portland. We make regular commitments to various organizations in our community. We encourage passage of HB3265.