



**Testimony in Support of HB 3265  
Cedar Hills United Church of Christ  
Sanctuary and Immigrant Welcoming Team  
March 25, 2021**

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

**CHUCC, Sanctuary and Immigrant Welcoming Team strongly supports HB 3265 to protect Oregonian families and preserve local resources.**

- We're all Oregonians, no matter where we were born or how we came here.
- Hardworking immigrants are part of our families, communities, workplaces and places of worship, and they should be safe from unfair harassment and profiling just like any other Oregonian.
- As a church community we believe Love your Neighbor applies to all of our neighbors.

The Sanctuary Promise Act strengthens our current sanctuary law by accomplishing the following:

- **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.

This bill is important because:

- Oregon's sanctuary law is the nation's oldest and has formed part of our state identity for 30 years.
- However, state and local government agencies across Oregon still routinely share information and cooperate with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to target and arrest Oregonians.

- Despite Oregon's long-standing sanctuary law, local police and resources are being used to support federal immigration enforcement. This destroys trust in communities, tears apart Oregon families, and makes all of us less safe.
  - The Sanctuary Promise Act protects Oregonians from racial profiling and ensures that local police and resources will not be used for federal immigration enforcement.
  - The past four years have shown us just how [broken](#) the federal immigration system is. We have seen children held in border camps, families separated, and federal immigration agents making terrifying arrests in our courthouses and in our communities.
  - Here in Oregon, we can't fix the broken federal immigration system, but we can strengthen the law that protects Oregonians from racial profiling and contributes to thriving communities where people are treated with dignity.
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- 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. **We urge your YES vote on HB 3265.**

Leviticus 19: 33-34

"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God."