

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

My name is Yareli Torres and I live in the Portland Metro Area.

I am writing in support of HB 3265 we're all Oregonians, no matter where we were born or how we came here. 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

The Sanctuary Promise Act accomplishes 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.

I have seen first hand the how my family and friends have faced violence such as domestic violence and sexual assault and have been scared to seek services. Services that all have a right to access but cannot due to reluctance, xenophobia, and racial profiling. My family, friends and all immigrant are part of our community and workspace. They should be safe from unfair harassment and profiling. The Sanctuary Promise Act Protects Oregonians from racial profiling and ensures that resources will not be used for federal immigration enforcement.

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 community resources.

Thank you,  
Yareli