

3/25/2021

SUBJECT: Yes, on HB 3265 Proposal

President Bynum, Vice Presidents Noble and Power, and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am a member of the community, a mother, a micro-entrepreneur, a student, and a volunteer. I am writing to you in support of HB 3265 because we are all Oregon residents, no matter where we were born or how we got here.

The Sanctuary Promise Act includes the right of private action that allows community members to seek accountability when authority breaks the law. There is a very deep emotional damage that it causes to the victims and their families of this type of abuse, that no economic amount can repair those emotional damages.

Protects Oregon's justice system by enshrining into law the current state court rule that prohibits warrantless civil arrests in and around courthouses. This would build more trust in the community by following through on court responsibilities, and the court would use its budget for public service.

I have seen fear in our communities, even when we live in a Sanctuary state. Even though the Sheriffs of certain counties say they do not work with ICE. Collaboration between ICE and law enforcement is destroying our communities. I am not just talking about parents, but about fear in children's eyes. That is what worries me, among other things. It is those families that are being separated as we speak.

I have seen the disintegration of our communities. It feels like a trap when you must choose between staying home or risking arrest when taking your kids to school. It is inhumane to have to think about where to find shelter before picking up the children. I am here to ask that the people whose work makes this country great keep working. I am here to ask that we continue to do the jobs that most Americans will no longer do; Give us the opportunity to grow our families in peace and feel safe. I am also here to ask for the safety of our families, the opportunity for all children to grow up without fear of being separated from their parents and to avoid fear, suffering and anxiety.

In 2018, Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of the Oregon Sanctuary Law. Now, the 2021 Legislature can strengthen it to protect Oregon families and preserve local resources. Oregon immigrant workers are part of our families, communities, workplaces, churches and must be safe from harassment or attacks because of their race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, or place of origin, and must be treated like any other Oregon resident.

Thank you,