

NARROW FIX TO OREGON'S EXTRADITION LAW

The federal government requires the local District Attorney and Sheriff to sign an agreement in order to process an international extradition on a criminal case. More often than not these extradition agreements are only used on the most serious of cases and involve an Oregon crime victim.

Unfortunately, the plain language of the current law prohibits law enforcement from sharing information to a federal immigration authority if it's not for a reason currently outlined in ORS 181A.823.

HB 2466 and SB 277 seek to remedy this problem by adding a very narrow exception in ORS 181A.823 that will allow law enforcement to enter into an international extradition agreement to return a person to Oregon who has fled the State and where a warrant has been issued. This urgent fix is needed as Oregon has at least three pending cases where the charges range from aggravated murder to child sex abuse charges.