

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Bonham and Members of the Committee:

My name is Julie Burns Christensen, and I'm a rural resident in Oregon. I totally support SB 1119. As a teacher of Basic English at an Oregon nonprofit, I have met numerous refugees and immigrants with a variety of legal statuses. They are hardworking, courteous, and loving people. They deserve the protection in Oregon that they are being denied elsewhere in the U.S. We are all descendants of people from elsewhere in the world. We owe our sisters and brothers the rule of law we have enjoyed for generations. SB 1119 would offer that protection in Oregon and set an example for the rest of the nation.