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I have been volunteering with the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County (RRCLC) for over 3 years which is under the umbrella of Catholic Community Services here in Eugene. This bill is important so they can continue to do their good work. Although many of these refugees have achieved asylum or parolee status, they and their families that are back in Afghanistan greatly benefit from the assistance provided through the RRCLC. It is important that we follow through on our promise to get their families here for their work with the US Coalition Forces in Afghanistan. Many of them have been separated from their families for over 3 years now. Although the individuals already here may not be considered refugees, their families certainly are as they deal with disarray of their country due to the Taliban's rule. Many of their families have been physically beaten by the Taliban and have had to move several times to try and keep out of harms way. Please pass SB 149. It will allow the RRCLC continue to their important work in our local community which impacts our greater world community as well.