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**Position on Bills at 2025
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 1191: Support



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN supports SB 1191, which would change Oregon criminal law so that merely informing another person about their civil or constitutional rights would not constitute the following crimes:

- obstructing governmental or judicial administration
- interfering with a peace officer or parole and probation officer
- refusing to assist a peace officer

The federal government is taking an ever more aggressive approach to capturing and detaining persons in the United States without regard for their constitutional rights, including the right to due process of law and the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures by the government. This bill cannot stop the federal government from this course of action, but at least State of Oregon should not compound the deprivation of constitutional and civil rights by making criminal the mere providing of information about those rights to those who face capture and detention and worse. A person cannot exercise such rights without knowing about them.

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