



To: Chair Kropf and member of the House Judiciary Committee

Re: Oppose SB 881

Date: 4/8/2025

Latino Network was founded in 1996 by advocates for the needs of the growing Latinx community in Multnomah County. Since then, these grassroots beginnings have evolved into a continuum of services that support Latinx individuals, families, and communities. Our programs currently focus on education, advocacy & leadership, health & wellness, economic justice, youth empowerment & violence prevention, and arts & culture, engaging nearly 13,000 community members throughout Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties in the last year. We are the leading culturally-specific provider for Latinx youth, parent, and family services in the Portland area with the goal of serving the nearly 19% of Oregon's population who identify as Latinx or Hispanic.

Latino Network currently provides direct services to youth and families in Senate Districts 13-15 and 19-25 and House Districts 25, 26, 28, 29, 37, 40 and 42-50.

SB 238 is a massive expansion of the police state and a blank check for ongoing community-wide warrantless surveillance; with absolutely no controls or requirements around the video or audio data collection, cataloging and organizing. Organizing and cataloging this data so that it is searchable for the purposes of due process in cases where charges are brought, is a massively expensive undertaking, likely no local law enforcement is prepared to implement *prior* to executing the broad use of these tools. Local police departments should be required to prove they can responsibly handle this amount of data collection prior to being given board authority to collect that data on all of us at any time without a warrant.

We have already seen local law enforcement mishandle this kind of data management with surveillance data, which has led to [charges being dismissed due simply to their errors in data management](#) (charges being dropped is the best case scenario here - the worse case is having people's liberty taken away using these tools to deny people proper due process).

"Drones as first responders" sounds more like a dystopian movie plot than a future we should be pouring millions of public safety dollars into. There is no question this will cost local governments millions of dollars, just like managing body worn camera data has and will continue to increase local governments expenses.

Maintaining our rights to privacy and due process should be of paramount importance especially today with the actions of the federal government determined to redefine due process and privacy to be luxuries and no longer rights. We should maintain our rights in Oregon if nowhere else. Please vote No on SB 238.