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As an Oregonian and a long-time immigration lawyer I submit this testimony in opposition to SB 238. Allowing law enforcement to use drones and unmanned aircraft in any circumstances without a warrant or judicial oversight threatens all of us. Unchecked surveillance powers are often used to monitor, intimidate, and silence dissent — particularly targeting protestors, activists, and communities that are already over-policed. Also, if drone data is shared with federal authorities, it could be used by the federal government to identify and track people the government is already targeting and harassing -- including immigrants and refugees, political opponents, and others. There is simply no need or justification for such an expansion of law enforcement authority.