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This fall my county and city became a hotspot for apparent federal immigration enforcement, with nearly one third of all ICE detentions occurring in Washington County. These individuals hide behind face coverings, refusing to identify themselves and they carry no warrants, as they violently kidnap people from our city streets.

Children are afraid that they will return from school to find their parents have been taken. Some have even witnessed ICE at their school bus stops.

While I am angry, I am not surprised that the federal government is empowering these racist and inhumane attacks. This is exactly what they said they would do.

We know many tactics that ICE/CBP have used, and while they are allaying adapting, the common thread is exploiting any loophole they can to find personal information on Oregonians. This bill closes one loophole and will help protect all folks in our community, regardless of their immigration status.

I urge your support of HB 4123 for the protection of all Oregonians.