



Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Seth Johnstone, I work for Basic Rights Oregon and we support SB1587.

This bill prohibits data brokers from providing or selling personal data to any entity that will use the information to enforce federal immigration law. Our state can strengthen data privacy to safeguard sensitive information that is being used or can be used to profile and surveil individuals in our state. Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent, lawless ICE sweeps resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children.

- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) uses data brokers to acquire vast amounts of personal information, often to circumvent sanctuary laws. If they have access, a profile can be made of an individual based on their data containing aggregated personal data from numerous sources to locate individuals for enforcement actions of federal immigration agencies. Examples of data include:
 - Drivers license photos
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 - Mobile phone location data
 - Personal details, social media activity, addresses, birth dates, financial info and more

ICE built its surveillance system in part by tapping data from private companies and state and local bureaucracies.

Our state should address the ways that federal agents have been attempting to undermine our Sanctuary laws through passing this bill and closing the loophole.

- ICE has built its surveillance tools by crossing legal and ethical lines, leveraging the trust that people place in state agencies and essential service providers, and exploiting the vulnerability of people who volunteer their information to reunite with their families.
- The state has the authority to use and/or disclose our own data in alignment with our values, and dictate the purposes for which our own information is shared;

These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response. As a civil rights organization working statewide, we know Oregonians are stronger together. When immigrant communities are targeted, families and their youth are torn apart, our economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point.

SB 1587 is part of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package. I urge you to support these community-led policies to protect Oregonians.

Thank you.