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NO on HB 4079

HB 4079 would direct school districts to adopt a response plan for when immigration officers enter the premises, and forces every school district to contact students, parents and the community anytime a federal immigration officer enters school property. This increases Oregon's sanctuary laws that keep local law enforcement from working with federal law enforcement, and mandates that every school must disrupt the school day with the notification, regardless of the work being carried out.

ICE does not target schools. DHS said that there have been no arrests made on campus, although officers would be allowed to do so if a felon were to flee into a school or if a child sex offender were working there as an employee. In these situations, an arrest would be handled delicately and in the interest of protecting the safety of students. Another instance of posturing and virtue-signaling the WOKE agenda and open rebellion to the Federal Government. What this legislative body appears to be focused on is to place an illegal immigrant or criminal above the Oregonian/US Citizen. We seem to be placing apriority on fighting federal law rather than making the lives of all US Citizens and Oregonians better in this state.

If anyone hinders Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) and or any Federal Agent in the discharge of their duty to carry out lawful enforcement of Federal Law you will face jail time and fines. This is putting Oregon in the position of losing Federal funding and citizens being unfairly taxed repeatedly to make up for Democrat policies.

EFFECT OF -5 AMENDMENT ADOPTED:

Replaces the measure. Modifies definition of school property. Modifies requirements for higher education institutions to include only real property owned or controlled by the institution. Requires school district boards and higher education institution governing boards to adopt policies for confirming and providing notice when federal immigration authorities enter school property for enforcement purposes. Specifies content of policies. Modifies definition of campus to allow governing board to decide and establishes related reporting requirement. Exempts instances when federal immigration authorities enter a higher education campus to accompany a patient seeking medical care. Modifies training requirement to every other year. Adds immunity from liability for both K-12 and higher education employees and their employers. Modifies effective date to September 30, 2026.

EFFECT OF MINORITY AMENDMENT – NOT ADOPTED (Should've been):
The amendment requires all employees of school districts or higher education institutions, as well as state and local law enforcement agencies, to cooperate with federal immigration authorities carrying out actions concerning a person who is charged with or convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor and who has entered school property or a higher education campus. It requires that written guidance on the requirement be inserted into institutional or district policies.