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## **Statement from House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson on Anti-Sanctuary Bill**

“I’m appalled that House Republicans would introduce legislation targeting vulnerable immigrant communities in our state.

Right now, there are families in our state living in very real fear that they will be torn apart or targeted for abuse due to the color of their skin, religious beliefs, or nation of origin.

At a time when we should be extending a hand of compassion to those fleeing violence or hardship, House Bill 2921 would instead prevent the state or local communities from choosing to protect their residents.

Oregon is better than this. This bill only serves to further divide and polarize our state, to scapegoat and threaten our immigrant populations. This is not who we are.

For 30 years, our state law that prevents Oregon resources from being used to deport immigrants has sent a message that here in Oregon, everybody’s civil and human rights will be valued and protected.

House Democrats are ready to stand with our immigrant neighbors against such efforts. Oregon is made better, more vibrant, and more prosperous by immigrants in our communities.”

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