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## **Lawmakers Unveil Legislative Agenda to Protect Oregonians Against Harmful Federal Policies**

**SALEM, Ore.** – On Wednesday, legislators announced their Federal Response Agenda alongside community partners. In the face of the federal administration's escalating deportation enforcement, disregard for the rule of law, and other federal overreach, lawmakers will seek to expand legal tools and civil protections for Oregonians in the upcoming session. Through new safeguards, the agenda aims to defend immigrant Oregonians, protect civil liberties, and uphold Oregon values of transparency, accountability, and justice.

Opening up the press conference, **Rep. Willy Chotzen** (D - SE Portland) said, "The federal administration is threatening our healthcare, our economy, and our safety... That is why we are fighting back... I will introduce a bill allowing Oregon to withhold payments to the federal government if the federal government unlawfully withholds funds from our state, and a bill to strengthen Oregon's anti-discrimination protections for immigrants."

In Spanish, **Rep. Lesly Muñoz** (D-Woodburn) said, "We have seen agents break windows, destroy property, and injure members of our community. It is an injustice that they cause damage and then simply walk away. Through [my bill], Oregonians will have the right to legally sue these federal agents."

**Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama** (D – E Portland, Boring & Damascus) shared, "The bill I'm sponsoring will help government workers plan for what to do when the federal government tries to get data or access to a state office. The reckless and lawless actions of the Trump administration have proven that this kind of planning is essential."

"We have a moral and legal obligation to teach every child that comes to school. It is unconscionable that we would use that obligation to target families. Schools are a second home

and we must ensure they are safe for everyone," said **Rep. Finger McDonald** (D - Corvallis). "There has been a long-standing policy that ICE would not target schools, but as we are seeing with this president, there seems to be no moral bottom."

"This bill is simple: Oregon public money should not subsidize deportations or unlawful actions that undermine our laws," said **Rep. Lamar Wise** (D-SE Portland and North Clackamas). "Oregonians have been clear about who we are and what we stand for. Our public dollars should reflect those values."

"We are not going to sit back while federal actions put our communities at risk and try to sell off our public natural resources to the highest bidder," said **Sen. Anthony Broadman** (D-Bend). "Our Public Lands Promise bill makes Oregon's position clear: Our local and state governments will not collaborate with federal efforts to sell off public lands outside of our cities."

**Rep. Farrah Chaichi** (D-Aloha) shared, "Public confidence in local law enforcement is eroded when masks render it impossible to identify what law enforcement agency an individual works for... This is why the first part of LEAVA (Law Enforcement Accountability & Visibility Act) establishes a statewide policy that generally prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing masks or concealing who they work for."

Legislative concepts (LCs) may be available upon request, depending on the finality of a current draft. For further information, please reach out to media contacts as listed above or directly to member offices.

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