

JANEEN SOLLMAN
STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 15



OREGON STATE SENATE

2/17/2026
RE: SENATE BILL 1538

Secretary Rutledge,

I voted YES on SB 1538 because every child in Oregon deserves access to education—no exceptions.

Education is not a privilege reserved for some children. It is a fundamental right for all. SB 1538 adds immigration and citizenship status to the list of protected categories in Oregon's anti-discrimination law—alongside race, religion, and disability.

When children fear going to school because of their family's immigration status, we fail them. When schools are unprepared for immigration enforcement efforts, we fail them. This bill ensures Oregon schools remain safe places to learn.

The bill requires the Attorney General to develop model policies, in consultation with school leaders and the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, that help schools respond to immigration enforcement requests. These policies must include guidance on verifying warrants, consulting legal counsel, and protecting student information.

Every school district, education service district, and public charter school will receive these policies. That means our educators won't be left guessing about how to respond—they'll have clear, legally sound guidance.

When students walk through the school doors, they deserve to feel safe. That's what this bill protects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeen Sollman".

Senator Janeen Sollman
Senate District 15