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### **New Laws Will Strengthen Oregon's Defenses Against Federal Aggression**

*Measures protecting patients, demanding law enforcement transparency and more pass Senate*

**SALEM, OR** – Oregonians have seen with the own eyes how masked federal agents trample individual rights, violate constitutional protections, and disregard community standards for public officials, all with little accountability. Several key measures passed in the Oregon Senate this week strengthen our defenses against this federal aggression, protecting hospitals as places of healing, requiring law enforcement officers to be identifiable to the public, and more.

#### ■ **Senate Bill 1570**

Senate Bill 1570, the Health Care Without Fear Act, prohibits hospitals from sharing sensitive information like a person's country of birth or immigration status with law enforcement unless required by law, a court order, or necessary to ensure continuity of care. The bill also requires hospitals and federally qualified health centers to treat immigration-related information the same way they treat protected health information. In addition, it requires hospitals to identify nonpublic areas and creates protections for health care workers who provide patients with information about their legal rights.

"When fear keeps people from care, public health suffers. When trust erodes, we all pay the price," said **Sen. Campos (D – Hillsboro, Aloha & West Beaverton)**. "This measure strengthens safety, privacy, and trust for everyone seeking medical care."

The bill responds to growing anxiety among immigrant families and health care providers as brutality in immigration enforcement rises nationwide. It passed the state Senate Wednesday in a vote of 18 to 11.

#### ■ **House Bill 4138**

The Senate also voted to increase transparency, accountability, and clear standards for law enforcement and public agencies operating across Oregon. House Bill 4138, the Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA), requires officers to visibly display their name or badge number and agency affiliation while on duty and actively engaged in law enforcement activities. In addition, it gives people the ability to go to court to stop a violation before it continues or causes further harm.

"When someone has the power to stop or arrest you, you deserve to know who they are and who they work for," said **Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D – E. Portland, Boring & Damascus)**. "Public safety and civil liberties go hand in hand."

LEAVA was originally introduced in the Oregon House of Representatives, where it was sponsored by **Representative Farrah Chaichi (D – Beaverton & Aloha)** and passed last month.

“Fascism isn’t knocking at our doors anymore, it is knocking down our doors without warrants,” said **Rep. Chaichi**. “This bill is a critical step toward protecting scared Oregonians from rogue and unlawful agents. We are all safer when Law Enforcement is visible, accountable, and transparent.”

Under the measure, agencies also must adopt and publicly post policies restricting the use of facial coverings to limited, clearly defined circumstances, such as undercover assignments or certain tactical operations. The bill also gives people the ability to go to court to stop a violation before it continues or causes further harm. In addition, LEAVA prohibits state and local public employees from intentionally helping with federal or out-of-state actions that target people for who they are, what they believe, or for exercising constitutional rights—including unlawful searches or seizures.

The legislation cleared the Oregon Senate today in a vote of 18 to 10.

#### ■ **House Bill 4114**

House Bill 4114, the Protect Your Door act, ensures accountability when constitutional rights are violated in Oregon. The measure passed in the state Senate today gives people the right to sue federal or out-of-state agents who unlawfully enter private property.

“This legislation strengthens public trust, protects constitutional rights, and affirms that our state safeguards the people who call Oregon home,” said **Senator Floyd Prozanski (D – Springfield & Eugene)**, Senate Judiciary Committee chair.

House Bill 4114 requires federal and out-of-state law enforcement agencies to provide advance notice to the Oregon Department of Justice before conducting planned operations in the state and to clearly identify themselves during enforcement activities. The bill also prohibits state and local law enforcement from coordinating with federal agencies that fail to follow these rules or that target sensitive locations—such as schools, places of worship, or health care facilities—without proper authorization.

The measure creates a civil cause of action allowing Oregonians to seek damages when federal or out-of-state agents violate these requirements or unlawfully enter private property. Prevailing plaintiffs may recover damages, attorney fees, and additional penalties in cases involving excessive force, nighttime entries, or targeting of vulnerable individuals.

House Bill 4114 passed the Oregon Senate today in a vote of 18 to 11.

#### ■ **House Bill 4111**

Another measure moved through the Senate today designed to ensure Oregon immigrant communities can work, access the courts, and interact with law enforcement representatives without fear.

“A person’s immigration status is irrelevant in many legal and professional matters,” said **Senator Anthony Broadman (D – Bend)**, who carried the bill in the Senate. “House Bill 4111 ensures Oregonians can safely navigate our legal system, update their documents without fear, and trust that they are protected against discrimination.”

The legislation makes it unlawful for employers to discriminate or retaliate against workers who lawfully update their work authorization documents; by limiting the use of immigration status in civil court cases when it is irrelevant to the case at hand; and by adding immigration status to the state’s existing anti-profiling law.

House Bill 4111 passed the Oregon House of Representatives last month and was adopted in the Oregon Senate today in a vote of 20 to 9.

Defending Oregon immigrant communities from the aggression of the federal government has been a key policy focus for Oregon Democrats in the current short legislative session. Under the Oregon constitution, the session must end by March 8.

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