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**Gagging judges endangers Oregonians**

SALEM, Ore.—Oregon Democrats are gagging judges through a speech control measure that will prohibit courts from knowing or inquiring about an alleged criminals' immigration status. House Bill 2932 is scheduled for a public hearing on Mar. 18 at 1:00 PM in the House Judiciary Committee.

**State Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, released the following statement:**

*“Gagging judges endangers Oregonians’ lives and puts criminal aliens above the rule of law. We need to sound the alarm for our constituents on this issue because it threatens all Oregonians—including the immigrant community. We are watching a litany of bills fly through the Legislature with little to no debate. We should be putting people ahead of politics.”*

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