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Republicans ask Gov. Kate Brown to veto HB 3464 ***20-time deported sex offender suspect released, federal funding jeopardized by Oregon's so-called "sanctuary state" status***

SALEM, Ore.—Republicans are calling on Gov. Kate Brown to veto [House Bill 3464](#), which would expand Oregon's so-called "sanctuary state" status. Republicans say Oregon needs to reevaluate the state's policy direction considering reports that violent offenders are being let free coupled with Attorney General Jeff Sessions threats of defunding states who block federal immigration law enforcement from doing their job.

Law enforcement officials confirmed the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office released a criminal alien who allegedly sexually assaulted two women in Portland after an immigration detainer requested he be held for deportation. The Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Reese said in an interview with [Full Measure](#) that turning over criminal aliens to the federal government, damages "community trust."

Reese [claims](#) sanctuary state policies "makes us all safer." [Multnomah County receives about \\$60 million in federal grants](#) according to *The Oregonian*.

Authorities arrested Sergio Jose Martinez, suspected of multiple violent attacks in Portland, including the [sexual assault of a 65-year-old woman](#), in which he bound her hands and feet with scarves, and sexually assaulted her. Martinez broke into her home and then stole her car, [Portland police said](#). Later that day, he antagonized a woman in a parking garage with a blade and threatened to kill her. Martinez is suspected of attempting to kidnap the woman as she left

work. Martinez ran away police forcing them to go on a foot chase through the neighborhood until finally capturing him in a neighborhood apartment.

Martinez has been deported 20 times in addition to having an extensive violent criminal past. “Defendant has entry/removal from [the] United States to/from Mexico 20 times with at least [five] probation violations from re-entry,” *KOIN 6*, a *CBS* affiliate, reported from court documents filed in March 2017. He also has quite the rap sheet. Court records reveal Martinez has a robust criminal history that includes burglary, battery, and multiple deportations

“Under no circumstances should an alleged sex offending criminal illegal alien get off scot free from their heinous crimes,” said Senate Minority Whip Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls. “Sanctuary states perpetuate rape and gang culture. Every Oregonian should be outraged to see criminals let loose into the streets. Career Democrats shouldn’t sacrifice Oregonians’ safety on the altar of their extreme political agenda.”

According to [KOIN](#), Multnomah County, where Martinez has been illegally living, has issued 9 failure to appear warrants against Martinez since September 1986. Martinez [reportedly](#) uses the nicknames of “Sergio Alberto Martinez,” “Erick Acosta,” “Smyley,” and “Poison.”

“Oregon has a serious human trafficking and sex trafficking problem. We need to stop calling Oregon a sanctuary state because it’s not a sanctuary at all,” said state Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer. “We should be empowering law enforcement, not rapists and sex offenders. You have two choices, you either embrace the rule of law, or you embrace lawbreakers.”

In a report that has national implications, [almost half of the illegal aliens held in Oregon jails in May faced serious sex crime allegations](#). Of 969 illegals held in jail for that one month, 461 have been charged with sex crimes including rape.

"Signing into law House Bill 3464, will be considered an act of lawlessness by my constituents," said Thatcher. "House Bill 3464 aids and abets lawbreakers. It will censor Oregon state and local governments by restraining them from giving full cooperation to law enforcement when the suspect is not legally present."

Oregon Democrats have a conflicting standard when it comes to exchanging immigration information with federal authorities. While passing legislation to block and deny federal law enforcement access to critical information that would help ensure public safety, they are simultaneously requesting information from the federal government about its enforcement activities in Oregon. Victim advocates have been fighting this kind of inconsistency.

The bill not only aims to silence public bodies from cooperating with the feds; it also contains a procedural tactic that curtails citizens from having a say on the issue. The bill was drafted as "emergency" legislation. According to the Oregon Constitution, emergency clauses were supposed to be used for new laws that require immediate action for public peace, health and safety. With HB 3464's emergency designation, the bill takes effect immediately and essentially denies voters their constitutional right of referenda.

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