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LD 1259

Vote that LD 1259 Ought to Pass. The bill would allow law enforcement agencies to be bound to operate under an area of law that they are not trained in. If we don't have the safeguards that passage of this bill would provide, we are headed for more illegal arrests of anyone ICE wants to pursue. We are already in a time of apprehensions without judicial warrants, and it must end. Maine state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies will likely continue making mistakes in arresting persons while following ICE orders, so don't allow them to do so by maintaining the possibility of entering agreements with ICE, the US Immigration control agency. ICE already has legal authority to make arrests, which is being abused. Mainers are already under stress from funding of programs they earn incomes from being illegally impounded by the federal government. They must not be additionally faced with unwarranted arrests by non-ICE personnel, which causes tremendous strain on mental health and public safety. LD1259 is in the best interest of innocent Maine citizens and Ought to Pass.