

My name is Isis Orchard, and I am here to testify in favor of LD 2106. Since ICE has increased their presence in our state, all the protected sectors in this bill have been heavily affected.

In terms of our schools; Portland schools have been having lockouts when ICE has been reported nearby, more than 1100 students were absent last week in the Portland district, and some schools have even been considering doing hybrid online classes for those who don't feel safe leaving home. The disruption this causes to their schooling greatly affects their development educationally and emotionally. The importance of students being able to be in the classroom with their peers and to be safe doing so cannot be overstated.

Unfortunately, we see this impact on childcare facilities as well. From how we see ICE operating in other states at these facilities, we should be preemptive rather than wait for the inevitable. Just last year, ICE detained 3800 minors, some which were as young as 1 and 2 years old. The facilities these children end up at typically lack adequate childcare. Often, ICE detains children this young to lure their family members to detain them as well. It is horrifyingly dehumanizing how they are using people as bait.

In the healthcare sector, we're also seeing mass call outs from staff. We already have a state healthcare crisis, this increase in shortage due to people feeling scared to go to work will do nothing but hurt patient care in a state that already is struggling. This time last year, DHS rescinded their policy which considered hospitals to be protected areas. That's even more reason why we as a state should protect them; it's clear their intention is to target these facilities.

It's important that our libraries are protected in this as well. Patron's personal information such as their name, address, web history, and books they've checked out shouldn't be given to ICE agents without a warrant.

It's imperative that ICE be forced to follow the law and have warrants to access private areas in the sectors mentioned in this bill. It is our 4th amendment right for everyone in our country regardless of legal status or citizenship. To argue otherwise is to argue against the very foundation of our country. Everyone should be subject to the same equal due process and protections, and if our federal government can't ensure that, it's our duty as a state to protect everyone in our community to those fundamental rights. Passing this bill is a protection of our constitution and should not be a partisan issue, please support it. Thank you for your time.