

Oregon Sanctuary Law: Assuring Welcome and Safety for Immigrants

Oregon has had a Sanctuary Law since July 1987

- The concept of sanctuary, of protecting the safety and rights of all who live in OR was enacted by the OR State Legislature in July 1987 and reaffirmed in July 2017 through passage of OR Sanctuary Law. The law came about to counter profiling and targeting by Federal immigration authorities.
- The original law (1987) states: “No law enforcement agency of the State of Oregon or of any political subdivision of the state shall use agency moneys, equipment or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship present in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws.” [ORS 181.850](#)
- In 2017 the Sanctuary Law was expanded to further protect immigrant community members by reaffirming the separation of duties and information sharing by local officials from federal immigration authorities. ([HB 3464](#))

Oregon’s Sanctuary Law is under attack: I/P 22

- **We must protect the safety, rights and human dignity of ALL Oregon residents by opposing I/P 22**
- The anti-immigrant rights group, Oregonians for Immigration Reform-OFIR (classified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group with ties to white supremacists) is now gathering signatures to put Initiative/Petition 22 on the November 2018 OR ballot.
- I/P 22 seeks to repeal OR’s Sanctuary laws.
- **Join the broad and powerful opposition to I/P 22**
 - Labor, faith leaders and communities, educators, health professionals, and many other groups across the state oppose I/P22 because they see this initiative as targeting and harming families and communities. I/P22 will negatively impact Oregon’s economy and the values of inclusion for which we stand.
 - What *you* can do now: [Sign the pledge](#) to **oppose I/P 22**
- Read and share [this factsheet](#) about I/P22 from One Oregon Coalition

Oregon’s Sanctuary Law is under attack: NORCOR Prison

- Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facilities (NORCOR) in The Dalles is a publicly funded detention center—cooperatively run by Wasco, Gilliam, Hood River and Sherman counties.
- The prison’s main function is to detain individuals charged with criminal offenses, HOWEVER, as an income- generating move, NORCOR prison also has a contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to hold immigrant detainees. There are usually about 20 to 30 detainees accused of Federal immigration NOT criminal offenses held at NORCOR.
- A class action lawsuit is underway charging that NORCOR *is breaking Oregon’s Sanctuary law* by its cooperation with ICE in these detentions.
- Detainees at NORCOR tell powerful stories of the horrible conditions of their imprisonment at that jail, including lack of nutritional and/or warm food, cold temperatures, inadequate warm blankets and clothing, denial of family visits, restrictions on visits with clergy and lawyers, and expensive cost for phone calls to family.
- IMIrJ is one of many groups, with Gorge ICE Resistance and Gorge Ecumenical Ministries, who stand in vigil and in solidarity to **GET ICE OUT OF NORCOR**.
- For more information and updates on caravans to NORCOR see:
 - IMIrJ website: <http://imirj.org/>
 - [Gorge Ice Resistance](#)
 - [Somos Uno](#) (Gorge Ecumenical Ministries)