



## OPPOSE HB198 ANTI-IMMIGRANT LEGISLATION

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HB 198 is an anti-immigrant bill that raises serious concerns. This bill would:

- Cut local control over public safety priorities and limited law enforcement resources.
- Require the Attorney General to respond to complaints from throughout the state about any Idaho governmental entity (including cities, counties, and their respective law enforcement agencies).
- Expose Idaho cities, counties, and law enforcement to legal liability and potential loss of sales tax revenue for complying with unconstitutional requests by federal officials to detain Idahoans.
- Withhold a portion of sales tax revenue for governmental entities who choose not to comply with unconstitutional federal or state immigration policies, or unconstitutional requests on behalf of federal immigration officials.

### HB 198 undermines local law enforcement safety priorities.

- State, county, and local law enforcement agencies would be forced to divert their time, energy and resources to complying with this law instead of focusing on already established public safety priorities in their communities.
- Law enforcement officials across the country have spoken out against these types of laws because they divert the limited resources from law enforcement's primary responsibility to provide protection and promote public safety in the community.
- Victims and witnesses of crimes are reluctant to come forward and work with the police out of fear that they may be subject to an investigation as to their immigration status. When people are afraid to report crimes, everyone in the community is less safe.

### HB 198 would create economic harm in communities across the state.

- This bill would allow the State to withhold sales tax revenue from counties if they chose not to comply with unconstitutional requests from federal officials, jeopardizing funding crucial to supporting healthcare, infrastructure, and public safety budgets.
- The bill has the potential to cost cities, as well as the state, tens of thousands of dollars in potential lawsuits.
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers raise the cost of incarceration for counties and municipalities because the federal government does not reimburse local facilities for the costs of imprisoning people subject to ICE detainers.

HB 198 will harm every Idahoan's rights, including U.S. citizens.

- Local governments should not be forced to choose between their budgets and the Constitutional rights of their residents.
- Whether in the bill or not, this will fundamentally alter police encounters with the immigrant community—to the detriment of safety.
- Immigration detainers violate the constitutional rights of citizens, permanent residents, refugees, and new immigrants alike. Forcing Idaho's law enforcement agencies to honor every detainer puts all of us in danger of unconstitutional, unjustified incarceration.
- This bill is an invitation for police to treat people differently because they are perceived to be "foreign." Every resident of this state should live free of racial and ethnic profiling, and should be subject to equal policing.