

This message comes from IMLrJ (Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice on June 3, 2021).

We always knew that this advocacy season would be unique and would feel like a race. As we get into the final leg of the legislative session, we know that this is a time for the final sprint. Many bills drafted and championed by immigrants, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are still stuck in the Judiciary, Rules, and Ways and Means committees. If they fail to pass these committees, the bills won't reach the finish line and will not have the chance of addressing inequity & injustice in Oregon by becoming a law.

In these last 30 days of the legislative session (*our last sprint*) we need to make sure these inspiring and needed house bills don't die in committee. The changes these bills would make are too important not to pass this legislative session.

You can take **four steps** to help push these bills across the finish line:

1. **Learn** about the bills that are held up in committee right now. Find more info below!
2. **Call** your legislator and ask them to make sure these bills are passed. If you have time, follow up with an email!
 - Even if you've called **your legislator** before in support of these bills, contact them again to highlight the importance of passing them soon. We have a script you can follow below.
 - If you see your legislator in this list of members of the **Ways and Means Committee**, your call is critical. So many of our bills are in that committee!
3. **Invite** your friends and community members to make calls!
4. **Attend** our **Advocacy Night** on Monday, June 14th at 6pm to hear directly from partners, get the latest information, and take collective action.

LEARN

There are a number of bills that are at risk of not getting to the finish line. Some are still awaiting a hearing and some are awaiting a vote during a work session. We have been working with partners like CAUSA, PCUN, the Oregon Clean Energy Opportunity Campaign, and Partnership for Safety and Justice. Below are 8 bills that need special attention:

- **HB 3265 - Sanctuary Promise Act** bridges the gap between the protection Oregonians want and believe our laws provide, and what the current reality is by Strengthening Oregon Sanctuary Laws, Creating a private right of action, Prohibiting warrantless arrests in Oregon courthouses, and more.
- **HB 2358 - Overtime Pay to Farm Workers** guarantees overtime pay for agricultural workers after 40 hours in a workweek and provides overtime compensation for hours worked beyond that.
- **HB 2819 - Leave No Worker Behind** ends the exclusion of some workers — those who file taxes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) from the benefits of the state's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Ensuring that the EITC serves all income-eligible workers advances the goals of the EITC while promoting racial equity.
- **HB 2164 - Cover All People** authorizes OHA to develop and implement a program providing high-quality coverage at the same level as the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) for all people at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) regardless of immigration status, as well as pregnant adults up to 190% FPL.
- **HB 2842 - Healthy Homes.** Establishes a Healthy Homes Repair Fund and program within the Oregon Health Authority to provide financial assistance to low-income households and landlords.
- **HB 2021 - 100% Clean Energy for All.** All of Oregon's electricity will be generated using renewable or emissions-free resources creating good jobs that hire local Oregonians, pay prevailing wage, and provide apprenticeship opportunities with Community-based projects that increase independence, energy affordability, and disaster resilience.
- **HB 2002 - Transforming Justice.** Limit stops and arrests for low-level offenses to reduce unnecessary contact with law enforcement like the ones that led to the deaths of Sandra Bland and Daunte Wright. Abolish supervision fees, and incentivize people to earn time off their supervision Invest in culturally specific services, victim services, and restorative justice
- **HB 3230 - Universal Legal Representation** would give people in detention centers or in deportation proceedings access to legal help, would create a statewide representation team that integrates attorneys into community organizations and It would allow our community to choose its legal representative.

CALL

Call **your legislator**! Here is a sample script you can use to call legislators in support of these bills:

Hello my name is _____. I am part of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice and a _____ (congregation, if applicable) _____. I live in _____ (neighborhood to establish you are a constituent) _____. I am calling because I know there are only 30 days until the end of the legislative session and that bill will die if they don't move forward in the legislature before the end of the month. I am calling to highlight eight bills that I and my community want to make sure pass. Together, they will make a big difference in shifting systems that have hurt immigrants, Black, Indigenous and People of color for too long. Please pass HB 3265 - Sanctuary Promise Act, HB 2358 - Overtime Pay to Farm Workers, HB 2819 - Leave No Worker Behind, HB 2164 - Cover All People, HB 2842 - Healthy Homes., HB 2021 - 100% Clean Energy for All, and HB 2002 - Transforming Justice. And HB3230 Universal Legal Representation.

These bills are important to me because _____ (why are these important to YOU) _____. I know this legislative session has been busy and unlike any other. I am grateful for your work in the midst of this and urge you to pass these bills. Together they will make Oregon and our communities safer.