



AGENDA ITEM

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Reference No: **RO 25-72**

Meeting Date: November 04, 2025

Status: **APPROVED**

Agenda Category: ACTION

CPO:

Department(s): County Counsel

Presented by: Alex Barnett, County Counsel

Agenda Title:	Declare a State of Emergency to address community impacts related to Federal Immigration Enforcement
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REQUESTED ACTION:

Declare a State of Emergency to address community impacts related to Federal Immigration Enforcement and authorize use of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) from contingency to address identified community need. The funds would need to be replenished in the next fiscal year (FY 2026-2027).

SUMMARY:

The Board will consider declaring a State of Emergency to address community impacts related to Federal Immigration Enforcement

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Community Feedback (Known Support/Opposition):

The Board has heard concerns related to enforcement of immigration from community members during verbal and via written testimony as well as requests for assistance from our community-based organizations.

Budget Impacts:

Use of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) from contingency that would need to be replenished in the next fiscal year budget (FY 2026-2027).

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution and Order 25-72 - Emergency Declaration Immigration 2025](#)

Approved by the
Washington County Board of Commissioners
also serving as the governing body of Clean Water Services and all other County Districts



Kevin Moss, Board Clerk

November 4, 2025

Date Signed

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1 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2 FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

3 In the Matter of Declaring a State of) RESOLUTION AND ORDER
4 Emergency Regarding Federal Immigration)
Enforcement) No. 25-72

5 This matter having come before the Washington County Board on November 4, 2025, and
6 it appearing to the Board that:

7 WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Washington County to act as an emergency
8 management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and
9 directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, Washington County has enacted a local ordinance (County Code Chapter
11 8.36) pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401 and the Washington County
12 Charter, that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency and specifically
13 delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the Board of Commissioners, or if a
14 quorum of the Board of Commissioners is unavailable, to the County Chair, Vice Chair,
15 Commissioners, County Administrator, Assistant Administrator, Sheriff (if preceding official is
16 unavailable); and

17 WHEREAS, 404,200 immigrants live in Oregon, representing about one in ten
18 Oregonians, and immigrants make up 18% of Oregon's workforce; and

19 WHEREAS, over 104,000 people born outside the United States reside in Washington
20 County making up 17% of the County's population; and

21 WHEREAS, these immigrant neighbors, coworkers, and classmates are a vital piece of the

1 fabric of the Washinton County community; and

2 WHEREAS, Recent data from the State of Oregon shows a significant negative impact to
3 immigrant's health and well-being such as anxiety, sleeplessness, or worsening health due to
4 fear of being targeted, detained, or simply looking or sounding like an immigrant; and

5 WHEREAS, increased immigration enforcement within Washington County has caused
6 residents to fear leaving their homes to go to work, school, take public transportation, access
7 County services, and attend medical appointments; and other necessary daily activities; and

8 WHEREAS, current federal immigration activity appears designed to instill fear and
9 anxiety in the residents of Washington County;

10 Now, therefore, it is

11 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Commissioners for Washington County
12 formally declares a state of emergency for Washington County, effective on this 4th day of
13 November 2025 for Washington County; and it is further

14 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that, upon declaration of a state of emergency the Board of
15 Commissioners shall be authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as are determined
16 to be necessary to protect the public and property consistent with local, state, and federal law;
17 and it is further

18 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County Administrator may suspend or modify County
19 administrative polices needed to implement this declaration; and it is further

20 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County Administrator is delegated authority to
21 authorize expenditures under this emergency declaration in an amount of up to two hundred

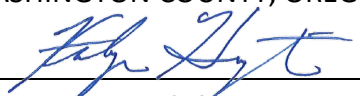
1 thousand dollars (\$200,000) to support immigrants and refugees in Washington County; and it is
2 further

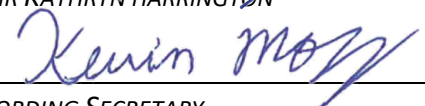
3 RESOLVED AND ORDERED The County Administrator will provide a report to the Board of
4 Commissioners by January 31, 2026, regarding the specific uses the funds were put to and their
5 community effect; and it is further

6 RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this declaration of emergency shall expire on December
7 31, 2025.

8 DATED this 4th day of November 2025.

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10 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

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12 CHAIR KATHRYN HARRINGTON

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