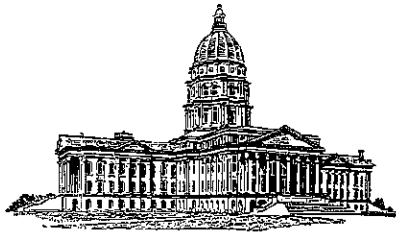


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House Bill 2466

I stand in opposition to HB 2466.

While this bill seeks to prohibit sanctuary ordinances, there is no evidence that suggests that policies of this nature go as far as restricting law enforcement in any capacity.

Instead, this bill appears to target counties or cities who have independently chosen not to pursue policies that would require them to honor ICE "request" detainers without probable cause or an arrest warrant. There are legitimate reasons for this position, chief among them the problem of racial profiling. This is a gray area that should be negotiated by city and county authorities and not the state, especially considering the potential liability for monetary damages related to such detentions.

Sanctuary ordinances, or "welcoming cities" reveal explicit attempts by local officials to do just that: welcome immigrants from all backgrounds and aid their integration into the community.