

SB 308: Federal Immigration Enforcement

Please note SB 308 is only to be discussed with your Senator. The House companion HB 9 was already approved.

Advance Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Social workers see the impact of immigrant and refugee policies in their everyday practice and have a special interest in the effect of immigration policies on families and children. We support policies that ensure children do not grow up permanently disadvantaged by the immigration status of their parents. In keeping with this principle, NASW opposes all efforts that would lead to the separation of mixed status immigrant families because of minor infractions; immigrant families should not suffer the penalties of deportation because of family-related immigrant status.

What is the purpose of SB 308?

- ▶ Sanctuary cities and counties (and in some instances, states) have policies in place that limit cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement .
- ▶ The bill would require complying with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention requests and repealing current sanctuary policies. and public sector, with another dozen counties, cities and towns offering a part of those protections.

How would SB 308 work?

- ▶ SB 308 will put a target on the backs of immigrants and people of color by requiring law enforcement to act as immigration agents and potentially violate their constitutional rights. It will also drain valuable law enforcement resources that could be used protecting our community. it will erode trust between police and the communities they serve, and make Florida less safe. (* Florida ACLU)
- ▶ Under the measure — dubbed the “Rule of Law Adherence Act” — state or local governmental entities or law enforcement agencies would be fined up to \$5,000 for each day they are deemed to be out of compliance.

What do people say about SB 308?

- ▶ Undocumented immigrants are just as American as the rest of us. They just don't have the paperwork. This bill creates two criminal justice systems, one for undocumented immigrants and one for everyone else,” **Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando.**
- ▶ I have always believed in treating our immigrant community with dignity and respect,” said **Senator Annette Taddeo., D-Miami** “Immigrants are what make our country great. This bill would only terrorize our communities and put unwarranted responsibilities on our local law enforcement professionals. I condemn this bill and stand with our immigrant communities.”

According to the Pew Research Center, nearly half of the approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. last year resided in three states: California, with 2.35 million; Texas, with 1.65 million; and Florida, with 850,000.

Vote NO on SB 308!