

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A	)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5557
FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL ACTION TO MITIGATE	)	
THE IMPACTS OF FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS AND	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa
FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ON METRO	)	Madrigal in concurrence with Council
RESIDENTS	)	President Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS recent federal policy changes and shifts in operational priorities have created instability and disruption in essential services relied upon by residents throughout the region, including but not limited to the impacts described in the following clauses:

WHEREAS federal reductions, delays, or changes in allowable uses of funding—such as HUD Continuum of Care dollars—threaten the housing stability of thousands of households in the Portland metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS changes in federal policy and administration of programs such as SNAP have disrupted households’ ability to reliably access food, contributing to rising food insecurity and heightened demand on community-based food providers; and

WHEREAS these disruptions compound other federal impacts on housing stability, access to essential public services, and community well-being, creating cascading pressures on city, county, and regional systems; and

WHEREAS federal immigration enforcement practices by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have created significant physical, emotional, and economic harm for residents, including U.S. citizens, immigrants with legal status, and families with mixed immigration status, and these practices raise concerns about potential violations of civil rights and due process; and

WHEREAS such immigration enforcement tactics have negatively impacted Metro operations, including its employees, compromising their ability to safely travel to work, perform their duties, and participate fully in community life; and

WHEREAS federal immigration enforcement priorities, federal funding shifts, and other disruptive actions are expected to continue for multiple years, resulting in impacts whose scale and duration exceed the capacity of individual city, county, or regional governments to address alone; and

WHEREAS Metro’s previous one-time, \$500,000 local emergency allocation for food security highlighted the severity of community need; and

WHEREAS Metro's consideration of \$500,000 for housing stability for families impacted by immigration enforcement mirrors the food security allocation and further emphasizes the severity of the community need;

WHEREAS Metro has a limited role in funding direct safety-net services, and these ad-hoc interventions are not sustainable, long-term substitutes for stable and predictable programs; and

WHEREAS taken together, these conditions require a shift from short-term emergency interventions to coordinated, longer-term strategic approaches.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

1. **Directs the Chief Operating Officer** to support the Metro Council in identifying and evaluating potential legal, legislative, policy and intergovernmental avenues to address the regional impacts of disruptive federal actions, and to strengthen Metro's role in supporting regional stability, continuity of essential services, and resident safety.
2. **Directs that Metro identify and pursue, if appropriate, opportunities** that address root causes of federal impacts on the region and advance coordinated, longer-term solutions in collaboration with the Oregon Attorney General and other relevant partners.
3. **Further, Council adopts the framework below which establishes prioritization factors to consider when bringing forth future funding requests.** Requests must clearly articulate why funding is the most appropriate and effective response relative to other available legal, policy, or intergovernmental options:

**Required Factors:**

- a. Support systemic-level or structural solutions rather than short-term emergency interventions; AND
- b. Strengthen regional resilience to sustained federal policy shifts that affect essential services and economic stability; AND
- c. Demonstrate potential to mitigate or prevent harm to communities within the Metro region.

**Supplemental Factors:**

- d. Magnitude and immediacy of federal funding instability;
- e. Breadth or severity of regional disruptions caused by federal actions;
- f. Whether the action advances or protects civil rights or due process;
- g. Degree to which other local governments are constrained in addressing the issue
- h. Opportunities to coordinate with, or complement, actions by city, county, or state, or non-profit partners.
- i. Alignment with adopted regional priorities or long-term Council direction.

All actions undertaken pursuant to this framework must comply with applicable civil rights and other relevant laws.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 18th day of December 2025.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

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