# AB 1306 (Carrillo)

# Harmonizing Our Measures for Equality (HOME) Act

### **Summary**

AB 1306, the Harmonizing Our Measures for Equality (HOME) Act, authored by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, would ensure that Californians are not excluded based on where they were born from benefiting from criminal justice reforms that were passed by this legislature. The HOME Act would prevent the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) from transferring to federal immigration authorities individuals who have earned release through these reforms.

## **Background and Problem**

In recent years, the Legislature, California voters, and Governors have demonstrated a strong commitment to reforming our criminal legal system, and addressing systemic racism and mass incarceration by enacting landmark reforms. Tragically, solely because of their place of birth, immigrants and refugees who would otherwise benefit from these reforms approved by the legislature are instead released to ICE and subjected to the double punishment of ICE detention and deportation. Once in immigration detention, immigrants face dire consequences including lack of due process, no appointed legal counsel, no right to bail, and an arbitrary second detention never handed down in a criminal court in facilities beyond state oversight where abuses are well documented. Moreover, this unjust practice perpetuates a criminal legal system that treats individuals unequally simply because of where they were born. We need a fix in the law to ensure the legislature's intention to allow Californians, who have served their time and qualify for reforms, to return to their communities and families and rebuild their lives, applies to all

Californians equally regardless of immigration status.

#### **Solution**

Harmonizing broadly-supported reforms to ensure equal application to immigrants and refugees will reunite families, strengthen communities, and further the state's commitment to addressing racial injustice and upholding our values of fairness and equality. The bill would prevent CDCR from transferring any individual to federal immigration authorities who is eligible for release pursuant to specified provisions, including, people who received their convictions as youth, elderly, and medical parole releases. Those provisions also include clemency actions by the Governor, as well as re-sentencing or vacatur of one's conviction under SB 1437 (Skinner, 2018), AB 256 (Kalra, 2021), or AB 124 (Kamlager, 2021).

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