



**YAKIMA COUNTY**  
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**Re: Senate Bill 5497**

Mr. Melendez:

This letter comes as my official notification that as a result of Governor Inslee's signing of the Keep Washington Working Act - Senate Bill 5497, Yakima County will now fully comply with the below outlined requirements:

1. Local jails may not inquire into or collect information about an individual's immigration, citizenship status, or place of birth, SB 5497 § 6 (4)(a);
2. Local jails may not notify ICE or CBP of the release date, time, or other nonpublic information of individuals in county custody, id. at (4)(b); and
3. Local jails may not provide ICE or CBP access to interview people in local custody, id. at (6)(a)

As a result, a directive has been issued to my department that effective immediately, we will NO LONGER accept I-200, I-201, I-203 or I-247 forms for the detainment of aliens identified by ICE.

We are grateful for our long-standing working relationship and I hope you understand my position regarding this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (509) 574-1758 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Ed Campbell, Director  
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C: Joe Brusic, Yakima County Prosecutor  
Board of Yakima County Commissioners  
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