

I strongly oppose SB245 for the following reasons.

1. Undermines Public Safety

287(g) agreements allow trained local law enforcement officers to work with ICE to identify and remove **dangerous criminal aliens**, including those charged with or convicted of violent crimes, gang activity, drug trafficking, and human trafficking.

Ending these agreements **limits law enforcement's ability to keep repeat and violent offenders off the streets**, putting communities at greater risk.

2. Forces Release of Criminal Offenders

Without 287(g) cooperation, local agencies may be required to **release individuals with serious criminal histories** back into the community instead of transferring custody to ICE.

This creates preventable risks to victims, witnesses, and law-abiding residents.

3. Removes a Proven, Lawful Federal–Local Partnership

287(g) is a **congressionally authorized program** that has operated legally for decades under both Republican and Democratic administrations.

The bill substitutes ideology for evidence by eliminating a **voluntary, lawful, and federally supervised partnership**.

4. Disrespects Local Control and Law Enforcement Judgment

Local governments should be able to decide—based on crime trends and community needs—whether participation in 287(g) improves public safety. This bill **imposes a one-size-fits-all mandate from the state**, overriding the professional judgment of sheriffs and police chiefs.

5. Wastes Taxpayer Investments

Agencies participating in 287(g) invest **time, training, and resources** to qualify officers under federal standards.

Forcing termination by July 1, 2026, **wastes taxpayer-funded training and infrastructure** already in place.

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