

Senate Bill 842

Sponsored by Senators STARR, HASS, ATKINSON (at the request of Compassion First, Transitions Global)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires that legal service providers participating in Legal Services Program must provide legal services to person who is victim of sexual assault, domestic violence or human trafficking, without regard to immigration status of person, unless providing services would result in loss of other funding available to program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Legal Services Program; amending ORS 9.572.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 9.572 is amended to read:

5 9.572. (1) The Oregon State Bar shall by rule establish a Legal Services Program. The program
6 shall provide standards and guidelines for legal service providers receiving funding from fees col-
7 lected under ORS 21.480. The rules shall also provide methods for evaluating legal service providers.
8 Funding received under the program may be used only for the provision of legal services to the poor
9 without charge and for expenses incurred by the Oregon State Bar in the administration of the Le-
10 gal Services Program.

11 (2) The Oregon State Bar shall appoint a director of the Legal Services Program established
12 under this section. The bar shall prescribe the duties of the director and fix the salary of the di-
13 rector.

14 (3) The Oregon State Bar may establish any advisory or technical committees it deems necessary
15 to advise the bar in establishing and operating the Legal Services Program.

16 (4) **Legal service providers receiving funding from fees collected under ORS 21.480 shall**
17 **provide legal services to a person who is the victim of sexual assault, domestic violence or**
18 **human trafficking, without regard to the immigration status of the person, unless providing**
19 **those services would result in the loss of other funding available to the program.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.