

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 718**81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2021 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Haylee Morse-Miller  
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Date: April 7, 2021**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services to award grants to refugee resettlement agencies to provide specified services to refugees.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>	<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$4,300,000	\$0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$4,300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

**Analysis:**

SB 718 appropriates \$4,300,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to award as grants to eligible agencies. "Eligible agencies" are defined as agencies that have contracted with the United States Department of State to provide initial resettlement and case management services to refugees, and the funding provided by this measure is meant to supplement funds provided by the Department of State. Up to \$600,000 from the General Fund appropriation is to be granted to an employment service provider that is an established culturally responsive organization and provides employment and workforce development services to refugees.

All funds appropriated by this measure would be passed through to refugee resettlement agencies in Oregon. DHS would expect to divide this funding equally between the three existing nonprofit resettlement agencies in Oregon, though the agency notes that additional resettlement agencies may be opening soon. DHS previously received \$2,000,000 General Fund for refugee resettlement agencies as part of HB 2508 (2019) and distributing this money would only require amending existing contracts, so there are no additional administrative costs to distribute the funding provided by this measure.