

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1543

Relating to universal representation

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gorsek

SB 1543 establishes the Universal Representation Fund, which is continuously appropriated the Department of Administrative Services.

The Fund is to be used to fund a statewide, integrated, universal navigation and representation system for immigration matters. The measure requires an established nonprofit to serve as a fiscal agent to receive moneys from the fund and to award grants to organizations to provide services related to immigration matters.

The measure appropriates \$10.5 million General Fund to DAS for deposit into the Fund and provides \$10.5 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation to allow the disburse of moneys from the Fund.

The measure appropriates \$4.5 million to the Judicial Department for distribution to the Oregon State Bar's Legal Services Program to provide legal services to individuals with immigration matters.

The measure declares emergency and is effective upon passage.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 1543 be amended by the –5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.