

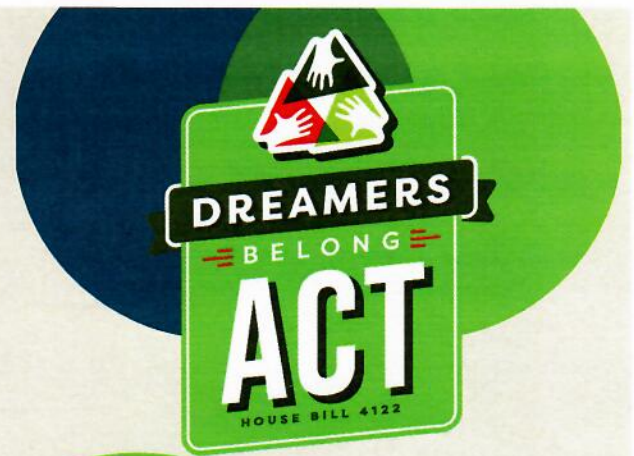
SUPPORT DREAMERS BELONG ACT HB4122

THE PROBLEM

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - DACA Recipients

In the State of Oregon, we have approximately 9,710 DACA recipients (as of March 2020) who every 2 years, are required to pay a significant renewal fee of \$495.00 to retain their legal status. To fully cover the renewal fees of all DACA recipients residing in Oregon, over \$4,806,450 would be needed to grant legal status every two years.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, many DACA recipients lost their income due to statewide closures. Affording \$495.00 is an unachievable, and unrealistic ask for hundreds of DACA recipients. DACA recipients form part of our local economy, work and own local businesses, attend school, work in hospitals, and all sorts of organizations. Without legal status in place, DACA recipients run the risk of losing their jobs or not being able to apply for a job.



**9,710
DACA
RECIPIENTS**

**COSTS \$495
EVERY TWO
YEARS TO
RENEW**

**DACA RECIPIENTS
PAY LOCAL,
STATE & FEDERAL
TAXES**

**DACA
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THE SOLUTION

Dreamers Belong Act directs the Oregon Department of Human Services to develop and implement programs to make one-time grant or reimbursement payments to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

The proposed solution is to cover the renewal expenses for all DACA recipients in the State of Oregon. This proposal will help DACA recipients renew their applications for an extension of 2 more years and in addition, will help recipients to apply for a job and or maintain their current job.

Allocation of \$5,000,000USD from one-time funds the State of Oregon receives under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for one-time grants or reimbursement, to cover the application renewal fee for all DACA recipients residing in Oregon. In addition to, and not in lieu of, an additional allocation of \$2,000,000USD from one-time funds the State of Oregon receives under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in available grants or reimbursements of legal fees not covered by the \$495.00 DACA renewal. Legal fee reimbursements will not exceed \$200 per individual.

**ONE-TIME GRANTS
TO COVER ALL
DACA RENEWALS**

**LEGAL FEE
REIMBURSEMENT
OPTION FOR
THOSE WHO NEED
IT**