

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4122 - 4

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services to establish program to award grants to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status recipients for specified purposes.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
Other Funds	7,000,000	0
Total Funds	\$7,000,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

HB 4122 - 4 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a program to distribute funds to community-based organizations, which will provide financial assistance to recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. Community-based organizations may provide a one-time payment of up to \$695 per individual who meets certain eligibility criteria. Payments must be used for DACA renewal fees (\$495) and any legal costs and fees associated with the DACA application renewals (up to \$200).

The measure directs a total of \$7 million from Federal Funds received by the State under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to DHS for this program. Of these funds, \$5 million are to be used for DACA renewal fees and \$2 million for DACA renewal application legal costs and fees. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage, and the program sunsets January 1, 2025.

DHS estimates that the funding provided by this measure would be sufficient to provide financial assistance to 10,072 DACA recipients. DHS would disburse all funds to community-based organizations during the 2021-23 biennium, for use over the following two years. There is no funding included in this bill for administration of program funds by community-based organizations, and it is assumed that community-based organizations will use existing resources to disburse funds.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that DHS will need Other Funds expenditure limitation in order to disburse these funds to community-based organizations. ARPA funds would be received from the Department of Administrative Services, and then would be expended by DHS as Other Funds. Additionally, the level of funding included in this measure is estimated to be sufficient to provide payments to every DACA recipient in Oregon. It is unclear if all DACA recipients will meet the eligibility criteria for these payments.