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SUMMARY

Digest: Directs DHS to give grants to help noncitizens get lawful immigration status. The Act goes into effect on the 91st day after session ends. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Directs the Department of Human Services to provide grants to assist individuals who are noncitizens and who do not possess valid immigration documentation to change their immigration status or obtain lawful permanent resident status.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to immigration; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall provide**
5 **grants to assist individuals who are noncitizens and who do not pos-**
6 **sess valid immigration documentation to change their immigration**
7 **status or obtain lawful permanent resident status.**

8 **(2)(a) A grant provided under this section must be used to cover the**
9 **costs of immigration legal services or the United States Citizenship**
10 **and Immigration Services fees associated with the process for chang-**
11 **ing an immigration status or obtaining a lawful permanent resident**
12 **status.**

13 **(b) Grant moneys awarded under this section shall be paid on behalf**
14 **of a grant recipient to an immigration legal services provider that has**
15 **been approved by the department or to the United States Citizenship**
16 **and Immigration Services.**

17 **(c) An individual may be awarded no more than one grant under**

1 **this section.**

2 **(3) An individual shall be eligible for a grant under this section in**
3 **the following amounts:**

4 **(a) \$1,500 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the**
5 **prior tax year that is not greater than \$60,000.**

6 **(b) \$1,000 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the**
7 **prior tax year that is greater than \$60,000 and not greater than \$70,000.**

8 **(c) \$750 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the**
9 **prior tax year that is greater than \$70,000 and not greater than \$80,000.**

10 **(4) The department shall prescribe the form and manner in which**
11 **an individual may apply for a grant under this section.**

12 **(5) The department may, in consultation with community-based**
13 **organizations that have connections to or experience working with**
14 **immigrants or immigrant populations, establish eligibility criteria that**
15 **an individual must meet to qualify for a grant under this section.**

16 **(6) The department may adopt rules to carry out this section.**

17 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
18 **ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for**
19 **the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the**
20 **amount of \$6,000,000, for the purpose of providing grants under section**
21 **1 of this 2024 Act.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**
23 **on which the 2024 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative**
24 **Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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