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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act forbids DHS from denying public aid to COFA citizens because they are not U.S. citizens. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Prohibits the Department of Human Services from denying public assistance, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, to COFA citizens based on their immigration status.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to COFA citizens' eligibility for public assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 411.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "COFA citizen" has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.614.

(2) A COFA citizen residing in this state may not be denied public assistance, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, on the basis of the COFA citizen's immigration status.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for providing public assistance to COFA citizens as required under section 2 of this 2024 Act.