House Bill 2957

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Directs Department of Human Services to establish program to distribute funds to community-based organizations to provide financial assistance to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status recipients for specified purposes.

Sunsets January 2, 2026.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to immigration; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “DACA” means the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall establish a program to distribute funds to community-based organizations to provide financial assistance to individuals who are recipients of DACA. A community-based organization that receives funds under this section:

(a) May provide not more than $695 per individual.

(b) Shall ensure that an individual who receives financial assistance described in this subsection uses the funds for:

(A) The $495 fee for renewal of DACA; and

(B) Up to $200 in legal costs and fees associated with an application for DACA renewal.

(c) May not provide the financial assistance described in this subsection more than once to the same individual.

(d) May provide the financial assistance described in this subsection only to individuals who meet the eligibility criteria.

(3) The department shall consult with the community-based organizations described in subsection (2) of this section regarding eligibility criteria that an individual must meet in order to qualify for the financial assistance described in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) The department may adopt rules to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, from one-time funds the State of Oregon receives under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), the amount of $7,000,000, to be used as follows:

(1) $5,000,000 for the payment of DACA renewal fees as described in section 1 of this 2023 Act; and

(2) $2,000,000 for legal costs and fees as described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 Act.
regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.