

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

1 Relating to immigration; and prescribing an effective date.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "DACA" means the Deferred Action for Child-**
4 **hood Arrivals status issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **(1) \$5,000,000 for the payment of DACA renewal fees as described in section 1 of this 2023**
26 **Act; and**

27 **(2) \$2,000,000 for legal costs and fees as described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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 Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

29 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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