

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3176

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Including House Amendments dated April 5

Sponsored by Representative REYNOLDS, Senator JAMA; Representatives NGUYEN D, NGUYEN H, PHAM K

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.

[Requires Department of Human Services, in consultation with Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, to award contracts to organizations to provide support services to immigrants and refugees.] **Establishes Welcome and Reception Program within Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to provide immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers with support services. Directs organization that is awarded contract to provide support services under program to report on performance outcomes no later than June 30, 2025.**

Directs office to provide report on implementation and status of program to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services no later than September 1, 2025.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to *[department]* **office** for support services.

Directs office *[of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement]* to convene representatives from state agencies, community-based organizations and other stakeholders to coordinate policy recommendations **and to provide outreach, education and training to certain government and nongovernment entities and stakeholders to improve immigrant and refugee access to programs, services and development activities.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to support services; creating new provisions; amending ORS 185.650; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Welcome and Reception Program is established within the Office of**
6 **Immigrant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of providing immigrants, refugees and**
7 **asylum seekers the following support services:**

8 (a) **Short-term wraparound support services, including shelter, food, clothing, health care**
9 **and transportation.**

10 (b) **Long-term support services related to housing, legal services, education, employment**
11 **and leadership development.**

12 (2) **Under the program, and except as provided in subsection (3) of this section:**

13 (a) **The office shall enter into contracts and coordinate with organizations to provide the**
14 **support services.**

15 (b) **Compensation under a contract to provide support services shall be on a per person**
16 **basis based on the number of persons for whom the organization provides support services.**

17 (3) **To provide legal services under the Welcome and Reception Program, the office shall**
18 **coordinate with community-based organizations to provide legal services through the uni-**
19 **versal representation program established under section 2, chapter 88, Oregon Laws 2022.**

20 **SECTION 2. The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement shall begin providing**

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 support services under section 1 of this 2023 Act no later than March 31, 2024.

2 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

3 **SECTION 4.** An organization that has been awarded a contract under section 1 of this
4 2023 Act shall provide a report on performance outcomes for the support services provided
5 pursuant to the contract to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement no later than
6 June 30, 2025.

7 **SECTION 5.** The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement shall provide a report
8 on the implementation and status of the Welcome and Reception Program established under
9 section 1 of this 2023 Act in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recom-
10 mendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
11 human services no later than September 1, 2025.

12 **SECTION 6.** Sections 4 and 5 of this 2023 Act are repealed on January 2, 2026.

13 **SECTION 7.** ORS 185.650, as amended by section 8, chapter 118, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended
14 to read:

15 185.650. (1) There is established within the Department of Human Services the Office of Immi-
16 grant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of operating a statewide immigrant and refugee
17 integration strategy.

18 (2) The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement is under the supervision and control of
19 a director, who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and powers of the office.
20 The director shall be chosen through an open hiring process. In addition to the director, the office
21 shall include at least the following full-time staff members:

- 22 (a) One staff member who focuses on community partnerships;
 - 23 (b) One staff member who focuses on data collection and research; and
 - 24 (c) One staff member who focuses on administrative support for the office.
- 25 (3) The office shall:

26 (a) Advocate for and partner with statewide immigrant and refugee programs and services that
27 coordinate with long-term support services to meet the needs of immigrant and refugee populations
28 in this state;

29 **(b) Convene representatives from state agencies, community-based organizations and**
30 **other stakeholders to coordinate and implement policy recommendations on behalf and for**
31 **the benefit of immigrant and refugee communities;**

32 **(c) Provide outreach, education and training to the Legislative Assembly, state agencies,**
33 **community-based organizations, local governments, health care system partners and other**
34 **stakeholders to improve access to state programs, social services, health care, workforce**
35 **development, language access, immigration legal services and professional development ac-**
36 **tivities;**

37 [(b)] **(d)** Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state for the purposes of de-
38 termining the needs of the populations and tracking progress in reducing social, economic and
39 health disparities for the populations;

40 [(c)] **(e)** Monitor and protect data collected under this subsection and ensure that any data col-
41 lected and maintained by the office is not disclosed to any person or entity not affiliated with the
42 office;

43 [(d)] **(f)** Track state legislation that impacts immigrant and refugee populations in this state;

44 [(e)] **(g)** Ensure that any racial and ethnic impact statements for legislation accurately include
45 the impact to immigrants and refugees in this state who are individuals who are Black, indigenous

1 or other people of color;

2 [(f)] (h) Advocate for resources from the federal government to support the immigrant and ref-
3 ugee populations;

4 [(g)] (i) Monitor and, unless prohibited by federal or state law or rule, publish any investments
5 made by the state for the benefit and support of the immigrant and refugee populations;

6 [(h)] (j) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the objectives of the office;

7 [(i)] (k) Partner with community-based organizations as needed to meet the objectives of the
8 office; and

9 [(j)] (L) Adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

10 **SECTION 8. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
11 **ated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, for the biennium beginning July**
12 **1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, for providing support services under**
13 **the Welcome and Reception Program established under section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

14 **SECTION 9. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
16 **on its passage.**

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