

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 4085**

Ordered by the House February 21  
Including House Amendments dated February 21

Introduced and printed pursuant to House Rule 12.00. Pre-session filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services for Representative Lisa Reynolds)

**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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: Directs DHS to give grants to help noncitizens change their immigration status. The Act goes into effect on its passage. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.5).**

*[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 non-citizens *[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.]*

**Declares an emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to immigration; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “noncitizen” means an individual who is not a**  
5 **citizen or national of the United States. “Noncitizen” includes:**

6 **(a) An individual who is a recipient of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status**  
7 **issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.**

8 **(b) An individual who otherwise meets the eligibility criteria to receive the Deferred**  
9 **Action for Childhood Arrivals status issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration**  
10 **Services.**

11 **(c) An individual from Iraq or Afghanistan who was provided with the status of special**  
12 **immigrant by the United States Department of Homeland Security under:**

13 **(A) Section 1059(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, P.L.**  
14 **109-163, 119 Stat. 3443-3444;**

15 **(B) Section 1244(b) of the Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007, P.L. 110-181, 122 Stat. 397;**  
16 **or**

17 **(C) Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, P.L. 111-8, 123 Stat. 807.**

18 **(2) The Department of Human Services shall provide grants to assist individuals who are**  
19 **noncitizens to change their immigration status or obtain lawful permanent resident status.**

20 **(3)(a) A grant provided under this section must be used to cover the costs of immigration**  
21 **legal services or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services fees associated with**  
22 **the process for changing an immigration status or obtaining a lawful permanent resident**  
23 **status.**

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

4 (c) An individual may be awarded no more than one grant under this section.

5 (4)(a) An individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that is not  
6 greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines shall be eligible for a grant under  
7 this section in an amount that covers all costs and fees described in subsection (3)(a) of this  
8 section.

9 (b) An individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that is greater  
10 than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines shall be eligible for a grant under this  
11 section in the following amounts:

12 (A) \$1,500 for an individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that  
13 is not greater than \$60,000.

14 (B) \$1,000 for an individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that  
15 is greater than \$60,000 and not greater than \$70,000.

16 (C) \$750 for an individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that  
17 is greater than \$70,000 and not greater than \$80,000.

18 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, the department may provide a grant  
19 recipient additional financial assistance to cover the costs and fees for obtaining a lawful  
20 permanent resident status that are not covered by the grant moneys awarded under this  
21 section to the grant recipient.

22 (6) The department shall prescribe the form and manner in which an individual may apply  
23 for a grant under this section.

24 (7) The department may, in consultation with community-based organizations that have  
25 connections to or experience working with immigrants or immigrant populations, establish  
26 eligibility criteria that an individual must meet to qualify for a grant under this section.

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

28 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
29 ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the  
30 General Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for the purpose of providing grants under section 1  
31 of this 2024 Act.

32 **SECTION 3.** This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
33 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect  
34 on its passage.