

House Bill 4085

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

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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to immigration; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall provide grants to assist indi-**
5 **viduals who are noncitizens and who do not possess valid immigration documentation to**
6 **change their immigration status or obtain lawful permanent resident status.**

7 (2)(a) A grant provided under this section must be used to cover the costs of immigration
8 legal services or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services fees associated with
9 the process for changing an immigration status or obtaining a lawful permanent resident
10 status.

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

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

15 (3) An individual shall be eligible for a grant under this section in the following amounts:

16 (a) \$1,500 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the prior tax year that
17 is not greater than \$60,000.

18 (b) \$1,000 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the prior tax year that
19 is greater than \$60,000 and not greater than \$70,000.

20 (c) \$750 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the prior tax year that is
21 greater than \$70,000 and not greater than \$80,000.

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

24 (5) 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 (6) 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-**

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 ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the
2 General Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for the purpose of providing grants under section 1
3 of this 2024 Act.

4 SECTION 3. This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2024
5 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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