

Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

HB 4159- OIRA Contract for Refugee and Immigrant Services-Support

Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Scharf and members of the committee

When anyone moves to a new community, finding services and support is always a challenge. When the new community is in a new country the challenges increase.

This bill would provide funding for the Oregon Immigrant and Refugee Adjustment office to contract with appropriate entities to provide services and aid to some of our newest community members.

We have new neighbors all over the state. In Salem and Corvallis, the two organizations welcomed 362 new neighbors this past year.

These organizations work to provide culturally appropriate help to help them feel comfortable in their new communities.

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition strongly supports this funding proposal, the reporting as well as the Advisory Council.

Please support this needed legislation so our new neighbors thrive.

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