

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3795**

Ordered by the House April 7  
Including House Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES (at the request of Representative Annessa Hartman)

**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: The Act tells DHS to submit an annual report about a grant program. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5).**

*[Digest: The Act tells ODHS to study human services. (Flesch Readability Score: 82.3).]*

*[Requires the Department of Human Services to study human services. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services not later than September 15, 2026.]*

*[Sunsets on January 2, 2027.]*

**Directs the Department of Human Services to submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly about a grant program that provides tax preparation assistance to low-income individuals.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to human services; amending ORS 409.711.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 409.711 is amended to read:

5 409.711. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt by rule a grant program to provide  
6 funding for the purposes described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section to culturally specific and  
7 responsive organizations, tribal governments and under-resourced rural community service organ-  
8 izations.

9 (2) Grants must be used to help low-income residents of this state by:

10 (a) Providing education about federal earned income tax credits and other tax benefits available  
11 to low-income individuals;

12 (b) Assisting residents in navigating tax systems; and

13 (c) Filing income tax returns.

14 (3) The grants must be used to:

15 (a) Strengthen the existing network of culturally specific and responsive tax preparation organ-  
16 izations;

17 (b) Expand organizational capacity in geographically diverse areas of this state to improve ac-  
18 cess to tax navigation and tax preparation services;

19 (c) Improve the recruitment and retention of qualified tax preparers;

20 (d) Strengthen the technology resources and training systems available to tax preparers and  
21 volunteers; or

22 (e) Strengthen taxpayer outreach, education and connections to communities by culturally spe-  
23 cific and responsive tax navigation and preparation service providers.

**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 (4) The department shall appoint a committee to advise the department in the adoption of rules  
2 for the program. The advisory committee must include one or more individuals who:

3 (a) Are low income.

4 (b) Are Black.

5 (c) Are Indigenous.

6 (d) Are people of color.

7 (e) Are non-English-speaking.

8 (f) Have a disability.

9 (g) Are 65 years of age or older.

10 **(5) The department shall submit an annual report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245,**  
11 **to the committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human**  
12 **services on the grant program established under this section.**

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