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## SUMMARY

Establishes universal representation program in Oregon Department of Administrative Services. Directs department to contract with nonprofit organization to serve as fiscal agent to award grants to organizations providing services related to universal representation of persons in immigration matters.

Appropriates moneys to department to implement program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to universal representation; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The universal representation program is established in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. The department shall contract with a nonprofit organization registered in this state for at least the preceding six months that addresses and executes worker relief as the organization's primary purpose to serve as the fiscal agent to award grants to organizations to provide services related to immigration matters, including but not limited to:**

**(a) Legal services;**

**(b) Community-embedded navigators to guide persons who are at risk of deportation into accessing universal representation;**

**(c) Assistance with case costs for immigration legal services in affirmative applications and removal defense, including bond proceedings and merit proceedings for detained persons;**

**(d) Development of capacity and training to support immigration legal service providers and community navigation;**

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 (e) Capacity grants;

2 (f) A client service fund to assist with fees associated with filings,  
3 interpretation and related costs in immigration matters;

4 (g) A statewide universal navigation and support system, including  
5 a call center, to provide direct contacts and streamlined access for  
6 those seeking assistance with immigration matters;

7 (h) A clearinghouse to provide logistical support, navigation review,  
8 case placement coordination, mentoring or supervision of attorneys  
9 and technical assistance; and

10 (i) Coalition management.

11 (2) The fiscal agent shall submit an annual report to the depart-  
12 ment on the grants awarded under subsection (1) of this section. The  
13 report must specify:

14 (a) The percentage of funds allocated to each allowable use under  
15 subsection (1) of this section;

16 (b) How many cases were taken by each legal service provider  
17 awarded a grant;

18 (c) How many people have been assisted through the program; and

19 (d) How many people the wraparound services have been able to  
20 help.

21 (3) The department shall report on the program to a committee or  
22 interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary  
23 no later than June 1 of each year.

24 (4) The department shall consult with the fiscal agent in adopting  
25 rules to implement this section.

26 **SECTION 2.** The Oregon Department of Administrative Services  
27 shall make the first report under section 1 (3) of this 2021 Act no later  
28 than June 1, 2023.

29 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
30 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administra-  
31 tive Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the

1 **General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, for purposes of implementing**  
2 **section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

3 **SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**  
4 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**  
5 **clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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