

HB 3230 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the universal representation program in the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Directs DAS to contract with an established Oregon nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is worker relief to serve as the fiscal agent for awarding grants to other organizations to provide specified immigration services. Requires DAS to report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than June 1 of each year, beginning 2023. Appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces the measure. Establishes the Universal Representation Fund in the State Treasury. Appropriates those moneys to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Requires an established Oregon nonprofit to serve as the fiscal agent to award grants to organizations to provide services related to immigration matters through a universal representation program. Directs the fiscal agent to create an advisory committee for the program. Describes the types of services the fund is allocated for, including attorney services and navigators. Requires individuals receiving services through the program to be financially eligible. Directs the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court to transfer funds to the Oregon State Bar's Legal Services Program. Requires fiscal agent to report the legislative committee related to legal services by August 31 of each year. Appropriates from the General Fund to DAS \$10.5 million, and to the Judicial Department, \$4.5 million. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: