

House Bill 3230

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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**.

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

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2 Relating to universal representation; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

10 (a) **Legal services;**

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

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

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

17 (e) **Capacity grants;**

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

20 (g) **A statewide universal navigation and support system, including a call center, to pro-**
21 **vide direct contacts and streamlined access for those seeking assistance with immigration**
22 **matters;**

23 (h) **A clearinghouse to provide logistical support, navigation review, case placement co-**
24 **ordination, mentoring or supervision of attorneys and technical assistance; and**

25 (i) **Coalition management.**

26 (2) **The fiscal agent shall submit an annual report to the department on the grants**
27 **awarded under subsection (1) of this section. The report must specify:**

28 (a) **The percentage of funds allocated to each allowable use under subsection (1) of this**

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1 section;

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

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

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

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

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

9 **SECTION 2.** The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall make the first re-
10 port under section 1 (3) of this 2021 Act no later than June 1, 2023.

11 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
12 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July
13 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, for purposes of implementing
14 section 1 of this 2021 Act.

15 **SECTION 4.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
17 on its passage.

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