

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 778

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Including Senate Amendments dated April 23

Sponsored by Senators JAMA, WAGNER, DEMBROW, Representatives CAMPOS, MEEK, PHAM, RUIZ; Senators FREDERICK, GELSER, MANNING JR

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.

Establishes Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to *implement and oversee* **operate** statewide immigrant and refugee integration strategy. *Directs Governor to appoint director of office.* **Provides that director of office is chosen through open hiring process.** Appropriates funds to office.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established within the office of the Governor the Office of Im-**
5 **migrant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of operating a statewide immigrant and**
6 **refugee integration strategy.**

7 **(2) The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement is under the supervision and**
8 **control of a director, who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and**
9 **powers of the office. The director shall be chosen through an open hiring process. In addi-**
10 **tion to the director, the office shall include at least the following full-time staff members:**

11 **(a) One staff member who focuses on community partnerships;**

12 **(b) One staff member who focuses on data collection and research; and**

13 **(c) One staff member who focuses on administrative support for the office.**

14 **(3) The office shall:**

15 **(a) Advocate for and partner with statewide immigrant and refugee programs and ser-**
16 **vices that coordinate with long-term support services to meet the needs of immigrant and**
17 **refugee populations in this state;**

18 **(b) Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state for the purposes of**
19 **determining the needs of the populations and tracking progress in reducing social, economic**
20 **and health disparities for the populations;**

21 **(c) Monitor and protect data collected under this subsection and ensure that any data**
22 **collected and maintained by the office is not disclosed to any person or entity not affiliated**
23 **with the office;**

24 **(d) Track state legislation that impacts immigrant and refugee populations in this state;**

25 **(e) Ensure that any racial and ethnic impact statements for legislation accurately include**
26 **the impact to immigrants and refugees in this state who are individuals who are Black,**

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 **indigenous or other people of color;**

2 **(f) Advocate for resources from the federal government to support the immigrant and**
3 **refugee populations;**

4 **(g) Monitor and, unless prohibited by federal or state law or rule, publish any invest-**
5 **ments made by the state for the benefit and support of the immigrant and refugee popu-**
6 **lations;**

7 **(h) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the objectives of the office;**

8 **(i) Partner with community-based organizations as needed to meet the objectives of the**
9 **office; and**

10 **(j) Adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.**

11 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement,**
12 **for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,376,037**
13 **for the purposes of employing the director and full-time staff members described in section**
14 **1 of this 2021 Act and carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

15 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2021 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2022.**

16 **(2) The Governor may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection**
17 **(1) of this section that is necessary to enable the Governor to exercise, on and after the**
18 **operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and**
19 **powers conferred on the Governor by section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

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

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