

# Senate Bill 778

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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 Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to implement and oversee statewide immigrant and refugee integration strategy. Directs Governor to appoint director of office. Appropriates funds to office.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established within the office of the Governor the Office of Im-  
4 migrant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of operating a statewide immigrant and  
5 refugee integration strategy.  
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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 Governor shall appoint the director, who shall serve at the pleas-  
10 ure of the Governor.

11 (3) The office shall:

12 (a) Develop, implement, maintain and oversee statewide immigrant and refugee programs  
13 and services that coordinate with long-term support services to meet the needs of immigrant  
14 and refugee populations in this state; and

15 (b) Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state for the purposes of  
16 determining the needs of the populations and tracking progress in reducing social, economic  
17 and health disparities for the populations.

18 (4) The office may:

19 (a) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the objectives of the office;

20 (b) Partner with community-based organizations as needed to meet the objectives of the  
21 office; and

22 (c) Adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

23 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement  
24 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_,  
25 for the purposes of employing two full-time employees and carrying out the provisions of  
26 section 1 of this 2021 Act.

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

28 (2) The Governor may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection  
29 (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the Governor to exercise, on and after the  
30 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and

**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 **powers conferred on the Governor by section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

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

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