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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 23, 2022

Subject: SB 1543 – Relating to universal representation
Work Session Recommendations

This measure appropriates \$10.5 million General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for funds to be deposited into the Universal Representation Fund and \$4.5 million General Fund to the Oregon Judicial Department for funds to be transferred to the Oregon State Bar for use by the Legal Services Program. This measure directs an established Oregon nonprofit to serve as the fiscal agent to award grants to organizations to provide services related to immigration matters through the Universal Presentation Program, at no cost to the client. The measure declares emergency and is effective upon passage.

The measure has a fiscal impact and a No Revenue Impact Statement has been issued.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of two amendments to the measure and fiscal impact statements have been issued for each:

- -3 amendment removes the requirement that a nonprofit organization must be registered in Oregon for at least the preceding six months.
- -4 amendment provides \$10.5 million of Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Universal Representation Fund.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1543, as amended by the -3 amendment and -4 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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