

A-Engrossed
House Bill 4122

Ordered by the House February 10
Including House Amendments dated February 10

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ, Senators LAWRENCE SPENCE, MANNING JR, Representatives ALONSO LEON, CAMPOS, DEXTER, MEEK, NERON, REYNOLDS, Senators DEMBROW, GELSER BLOUIN; Representatives GRAYBER, HUDSON, MCLAIN, NELSON, NOSSE, POWER, REARDON, SCHOUTEN, WILLIAMS, Senator FREDERICK (Pre-session filed.)

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.

Directs Department of Human Services to establish program to [*award grants to*] **distribute funds to community-based organizations to provide financial assistance to** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status recipients for specified purposes.

Sunset January 1, 2025.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to immigration; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "DACA" means the Deferred Action for Child-**
5 **hood Arrivals status issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.**

6 **(2) The Department of Human Services shall establish a program to distribute funds to**
7 **community-based organizations to provide financial assistance to individuals who are recipi-**
8 **ents of DACA. A community-based organization that receives funds under this section:**

9 **(a) May provide not more than \$695 per individual.**

10 **(b) Shall ensure that an individual who receives financial assistance described in this**
11 **subsection uses the funds for:**

12 **(A) The \$495 fee for renewal of DACA; and**

13 **(B) Up to \$200 in legal costs and fees associated with an application for DACA renewal.**

14 **(c) May not provide the financial assistance described in this subsection more than once**
15 **to the same individual.**

16 **(d) May provide the financial assistance described in this subsection only to individuals**
17 **who meet the eligibility criteria.**

18 **(3) The department shall consult with the community-based organizations described in**
19 **subsection (2) of this section regarding eligibility criteria that an individual must meet in**
20 **order to qualify for the financial assistance described in subsection (2) of this section.**

21 **(4) The department may adopt rules to carry out this section.**

22 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
23 **biennium ending June 30, 2023, from one-time funds the State of Oregon receives under the**
24 **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), the amount of \$7,000,000, to be used as fol-**
25 **lows:**

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 (1) \$5,000,000 for the payment of DACA renewal fees as described in section 1 of this 2022
2 **Act; and**

3 (2) \$2,000,000 for legal costs and fees as described in section 1 of this 2022 Act.

4 SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 1, 2025.

5 SECTION 4. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect
7 on its passage.

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