

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2957 - A**

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services to distribute funds to community-based organizations to provide financial assistance to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status recipients for specified purposes.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Department of Human Services		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$523,422	\$149,547
Services and Supplies	\$59,769	\$30,643
Special Payments	\$5,444,444	\$1,555,556
Total Fiscal Impact	\$6,027,635	\$1,735,746
<i>Total Positions</i>	3	3
<i>Total FTE</i>	2.64	0.75

Analysis:

HB 2957-A appropriates \$7 million General Fund on a one-time basis to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase the total amount of funding available for grants to assist noncitizens without valid immigration documents to change their immigration status or obtain permanent resident status. It also expands eligibility for the grants to include all noncitizens and increases the grant amount from \$695 per individual to a maximum of \$1,500 per individual. Currently, the grant is only available to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) population.

As of 2018, the unauthorized immigrant population in Oregon was estimated at 110,000. As of 2022, DACA recipients in Oregon were estimated at 8,610. While the pool of eligible individuals is increased by the measure, DHS notes the increase in award amount will likely reduce the number of individuals who may receive the grant. In implementing the measure, DHS will work with community-based organizations to target individuals who would be eligible for the \$1,500 grant. Based on these assumptions, DHS anticipates awarding \$5,444,444 in grants for the 2023-25 biennium which would assist 3,629 individuals at the target award of \$1,500 per individual. For the 2025-27 biennium, DHS anticipates granting \$1,555,556 in awards to 1,037 individuals assuming the award amount of \$1,500.

To facilitate ongoing implementation of this bill, DHS estimates it will need \$583,191 for the 2023-25 biennium for three full-time limited duration positions (2.64 FTE). The grants will continue six months into the 2025-27

biennium, the above positions would continue through these six months and are estimated to cost \$180,190 in personal services and position-related service and supplies costs.

DHS anticipates needing the following positions:

- One Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to evaluate statewide outcomes and operations and develop new processes to guide grant operations within the department and for community-based organizations.
- One Program Analyst 2 position for rulemaking, fund development with community-based organizations and other agencies, develop standards for grant-related contracts.
- One Administrative Specialist 2 position for data entry required for tracking and reporting outcomes, to prepare invoices and administrative support.