

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3176

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 5

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 28.

2 Delete page 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Welcome and Reception Program is established within the Office**
4 **of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of providing immigrants, refugees**
5 **and asylum seekers the following support services:**

6 **“(a) Short-term wraparound support services, including shelter, food, clothing, health**
7 **care and transportation.**

8 **“(b) Long-term support services related to housing, legal services, education, employ-**
9 **ment and leadership development.**

10 **“(2) Under the program, and except as provided in subsection (3) of this section:**

11 **“(a) The office shall enter into contracts and coordinate with organizations to provide the**
12 **support services.**

13 **“(b) Compensation under a contract to provide support services shall be on a per person**
14 **basis based on the number of persons for whom the organization provides support services.**

15 **“(3) To provide legal services under the Welcome and Reception Program, the office shall**
16 **coordinate with community-based organizations to provide legal services through the uni-**
17 **versal representation program established under section 2, chapter 88, Oregon Laws 2022.**

18 **“SECTION 2. The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement shall begin providing**
19 **support services under section 1 of this 2023 Act no later than March 31, 2024.**

20 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

21 **“SECTION 4. An organization that has been awarded a contract under section 1 of this**
22 **2023 Act shall provide a report on performance outcomes for the support services provided**
23 **pursuant to the contract to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement no later than**
24 **June 30, 2025.**

25 **“SECTION 5. The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement shall provide a report**
26 **on the implementation and status of the Welcome and Reception Program established under**
27 **section 1 of this 2023 Act in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recom-**
28 **mendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**
29 **human services no later than September 1, 2025.**

30 **“SECTION 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2023 Act are repealed on January 2, 2026.**

31 **“SECTION 7. ORS 185.650, as amended by section 8, chapter 118, Oregon Laws 2022, is**
32 **amended to read:**

33 **“185.650. (1) There is established within the Department of Human Services the Office of Immi-**
34 **grant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of operating a statewide immigrant and refugee**
35 **integration strategy.**

1 “(2) The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement is under the supervision and control of
2 a director, who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and powers of the office.
3 The director shall be chosen through an open hiring process. In addition to the director, the office
4 shall include at least the following full-time staff members:

5 “(a) One staff member who focuses on community partnerships;

6 “(b) One staff member who focuses on data collection and research; and

7 “(c) One staff member who focuses on administrative support for the office.

8 “(3) The office shall:

9 “(a) Advocate for and partner with statewide immigrant and refugee programs and services that
10 coordinate with long-term support services to meet the needs of immigrant and refugee populations
11 in this state;

12 “(b) **Convene representatives from state agencies, community-based organizations and**
13 **other stakeholders to coordinate and implement policy recommendations on behalf and for**
14 **the benefit of immigrant and refugee communities;**

15 “(c) **Provide outreach, education and training to the Legislative Assembly, state agencies,**
16 **community-based organizations, local governments, health care system partners and other**
17 **stakeholders to improve access to state programs, social services, health care, workforce**
18 **development, language access, immigration legal services and professional development ac-**
19 **tivities;**

20 “[b)] (d) Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state for the purposes of
21 determining the needs of the populations and tracking progress in reducing social, economic and
22 health disparities for the populations;

23 “[c)] (e) Monitor and protect data collected under this subsection and ensure that any data
24 collected and maintained by the office is not disclosed to any person or entity not affiliated with the
25 office;

26 “[d)] (f) Track state legislation that impacts immigrant and refugee populations in this state;

27 “[e)] (g) Ensure that any racial and ethnic impact statements for legislation accurately include
28 the impact to immigrants and refugees in this state who are individuals who are Black, indigenous
29 or other people of color;

30 “[f)] (h) Advocate for resources from the federal government to support the immigrant and
31 refugee populations;

32 “[g)] (i) Monitor and, unless prohibited by federal or state law or rule, publish any investments
33 made by the state for the benefit and support of the immigrant and refugee populations;

34 “[h)] (j) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the objectives of the office;

35 “[i)] (k) Partner with community-based organizations as needed to meet the objectives of the
36 office; and

37 “[j)] (L) Adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

38 “**SECTION 8. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**
39 **riated to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, for the biennium beginning**
40 **July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ , for providing support services**
41 **under the Welcome and Reception Program established under section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

42 “**SECTION 9. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
43 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
44 **on its passage.”**