

# House Bill 3176

Sponsored by Representative REYNOLDS, Senator JAMA

## SUMMARY

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Requires Department of Human Services, in consultation with Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, to award contracts to organizations to provide support services to immigrants and refugees. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for support services.

Directs Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to convene representatives from state agencies, community-based organizations and other stakeholders to coordinate policy recommendations.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to support services; creating new provisions; amending ORS 185.650; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Office of**  
6 **Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, shall establish the Welcome and Reception Program**  
7 **for the purpose of providing immigrants and refugees the following:**

8 (a) Short-term wraparound support services, including shelter, food, clothing, health  
9 care, legal services and transportation.

10 (b) Long-term support services related to integration, education, employment and lead-  
11 ership development.

12 (2)(a) In administering the program, the department shall enter into contracts and co-  
13 ordinate with organizations in order to provide the support services.

14 (b) The department may enter into contracts concurrently with no more than 12 organ-  
15 izations.

16 (c) An amount awarded under a single contract may not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ per biennium.

17 (3) The department shall contract with the Oregon State Bar to provide, through the  
18 Legal Services Program established under ORS 9.572, regulatory and fiscal oversight of any  
19 organization with which the department enters into a contract to provide immigration-  
20 related legal services.

21 (4) An organization that has been awarded a contract under this section shall provide a  
22 report on performance outcomes for the support services provided pursuant to the contract  
23 to the department no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year.

24 **SECTION 2.** ORS 185.650, as amended by section 8, chapter 118, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended  
25 to read:

26 185.650. (1) There is established within the Department of Human Services the Office of Immi-  
27 grant and Refugee Advancement for the purpose of operating a statewide immigrant and refugee  
28 integration strategy.

**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 (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 [(b)] (c) Collect data on immigrant and refugee populations in this state for the purposes of de-  
16 termining the needs of the populations and tracking progress in reducing social, economic and  
17 health disparities for the populations;

18 [(c)] (d) Monitor and protect data collected under this subsection and ensure that any data col-  
19 lected and maintained by the office is not disclosed to any person or entity not affiliated with the  
20 office;

21 [(d)] (e) Track state legislation that impacts immigrant and refugee populations in this state;

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

25 [(f)] (g) Advocate for resources from the federal government to support the immigrant and ref-  
26 ugee populations;

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

29 [(h)] (i) Partner with other state agencies as needed to meet the objectives of the office;

30 [(i)] (j) Partner with community-based organizations as needed to meet the objectives of the of-  
31 fice; and

32 [(j)] (k) Adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

33 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
34 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of**  
35 **the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, for providing support services under the Welcome**  
36 **and Reception Program established pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

37 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
38 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
39 **on its passage.**

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