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Ways and Means Road Show Testimony 2023
HB 2957, Immigration Legal Services

Good evening Co-Chairs, Co-Vice Chairs and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Samantha, I live in Washington County in Oregon. I am here today to speak in support of HB 2957, funding for immigration legal services for Oregonians.

It is very important to have a fund that would provide a grant to immigrants who are eligible for an immigration status but haven't applied for it because they are unable to afford it. Having a grant that will cover a legal consultation, an attorney and the immigration fees is of great help for those arriving from different parts of the world.

I believe a grant for immigration legal services is vital for each immigrant since it will relieve a burden for many people. Immigrants in Oregon will feel the support and this will allow for more people to have a means in obtaining a permanent immigration status.

It is also important to me that the immigration attorneys understand the culture, beliefs and values of the people they work with because this will allow the attorney to better represent the person's case. For these reasons, I support HB 2957 and I ask that you also vote in favor of HB 2957.

Thank you,

Samantha