

Senate Bill 1518

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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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act forbids DHS from denying public aid to COFA citizens because they are not U.S. citizens. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Prohibits the Department of Human Services from denying public assistance, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, to COFA citizens based on their immigration status.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to COFA citizens' eligibility for public assistance.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 411.**

4 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "COFA citizen" has the meaning given that term**
5 **in ORS 413.614.**

6 **(2) A COFA citizen residing in this state may not be denied public assistance, including**
7 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, on the basis of the COFA citizen's im-**
8 **migration status.**

9 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
10 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the**
11 **General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for providing public assistance**
12 **to COFA citizens as required under section 2 of this 2024 Act.**

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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.