

Submitter: Luke Glaze

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB4085

To the esteemed members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly,

On behalf of Salem For Refugees, I offer our resolute support for House Bill 4085. As advocates for refugees and immigrants in our community, we are intimately familiar with the challenges faced by individuals navigating the adjustment of status process. The strain on our volunteer and staff resources is challenging as we endeavor to support refugee families through this complex and expensive process towards legal residency. HB 4085 addresses a critical need by providing financial assistance for immigration legal services and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services fees, alleviating the burden on organizations like ours and ensuring that vulnerable non-citizens have access to the resources necessary to achieve lawful permanent resident status. Passage of HB 4085 not only aligns with our values of fairness and justice but also serves as a catalyst for unlocking the immense potential of those who receive permanent residency, allowing them to thrive and contribute meaningfully to our diverse and vibrant communities. We urge the passage of HB 4085 to uphold the values of fairness and justice within our state.

Sincerely,

Luke Glaze
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