

## B-Engrossed House Bill 3795

Ordered by the Senate May 27  
Including House Amendments dated April 7 and Senate Amendments  
dated May 27

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES (at the request of Representative  
Annessa Hartman)

### 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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act tells DHS to submit an annual report about a grant program. The Act also makes changes to when DHS must appoint a CIRT. (Flesch Readability Score: 82.4).**

*[Digest: The Act tells DHS to submit an annual report about a grant program. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5).]*

Directs the Department of Human Services to submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly about a grant program that provides tax preparation assistance to low-income individuals.

**Modifies provisions regarding appointment of Critical Incident Review Teams.**

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to human services; amending ORS 409.711 and 418.808.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 409.711 is amended to read:

409.711. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt by rule a grant program to provide funding for the purposes described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section to culturally specific and responsive organizations, tribal governments and under-resourced rural community service organizations.

(2) Grants must be used to help low-income residents of this state by:

(a) Providing education about federal earned income tax credits and other tax benefits available to low-income individuals;

(b) Assisting residents in navigating tax systems; and

(c) Filing income tax returns.

(3) The grants must be used to:

(a) Strengthen the existing network of culturally specific and responsive tax preparation organizations;

(b) Expand organizational capacity in geographically diverse areas of this state to improve access to tax navigation and tax preparation services;

(c) Improve the recruitment and retention of qualified tax preparers;

(d) Strengthen the technology resources and training systems available to tax preparers and volunteers; or

(e) Strengthen taxpayer outreach, education and connections to communities by culturally specific and responsive tax navigation and preparation service providers.

(4) The department shall appoint a committee to advise the department in the adoption of rules

**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 for the program. The advisory committee must include one or more individuals who:

2 (a) Are low income.

3 (b) Are Black.

4 (c) Are Indigenous.

5 (d) Are people of color.

6 (e) Are non-English-speaking.

7 (f) Have a disability.

8 (g) Are 65 years of age or older.

9 **(5) The department shall submit an annual report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245,**  
10 **to the committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human**  
11 **services on the grant program established under this section.**

12 **SECTION 2.** ORS 418.808 is amended to read:

13 418.808. As used in ORS 418.806 to 418.816, “critical incident” means an incident that resulted  
14 in the death of a child if the Department of Human Services reasonably believes the death was the  
15 result of child abuse and:

16 (1) The child was in the custody of the department at the time of death;

17 (2) The child, the child’s sibling or any other child living in the household with the child was  
18 the subject of a child protective services assessment by the department within the 12 months pre-  
19 ceding the fatality;

20 (3) The child, the child’s sibling or any other child living in the household with the child had  
21 a pending child welfare or adoption case with the department within the 12 months preceding the  
22 fatality; or

23 (4) The child, the child’s sibling or any other child living in the household with the child was  
24 the subject of a report of **suspected** abuse or neglect made to the department or a law enforcement  
25 agency within the 12 months preceding the fatality, whether or not the report was closed at  
26 screening without an investigation being commenced.