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# House Bill 3795

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

CHAPTER .....

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

(a) Are low income.

(b) Are Black.

(c) Are Indigenous.

(d) Are people of color.

(e) Are non-English-speaking.

(f) Have a disability.

(g) Are 65 years of age or older.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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