

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3795

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 7

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “services” insert “; amending ORS 409.711”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

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

4 “409.711. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt by rule a grant program to provide  
5 funding for the purposes described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section to culturally specific and  
6 responsive organizations, tribal governments and under-resourced rural community service organ-  
7 izations.

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

9 “(a) Providing education about federal earned income tax credits and other tax benefits avail-  
10 able to low-income individuals;

11 “(b) Assisting residents in navigating tax systems; and

12 “(c) Filing income tax returns.

13 “(3) The grants must be used to:

14 “(a) Strengthen the existing network of culturally specific and responsive tax preparation or-  
15 ganizations;

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

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

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

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

23 “(4) The department shall appoint a committee to advise the department in the adoption of rules  
24 for the program. The advisory committee must include one or more individuals who:

25 “(a) Are low income.

26 “(b) Are Black.

27 “(c) Are Indigenous.

28 “(d) Are people of color.

29 “(e) Are non-English-speaking.

30 “(f) Have a disability.

31 “(g) Are 65 years of age or older.

32 “(5) **The department shall submit an annual report, in the manner provided in ORS**  
33 **192.245, to the committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to hu-**  
34 **man services on the grant program established under this section.”.**

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