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

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3795

- In line 2 of the printed bill, after "services" insert "; amending ORS 409.711".
- 3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:
- 4 **"SECTION 1.** ORS 409.711 is amended to read:
- 5 "409.711. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt by rule a
- 6 grant program to provide funding for the purposes described in subsections
- 7 (2) and (3) of this section to culturally specific and responsive organizations,
- 8 tribal governments and under-resourced rural community service organiza-
- 9 tions.
- "(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:
- 16 "(a) Strengthen the existing network of culturally specific and responsive 17 tax preparation organizations;
- 18 "(b) Expand organizational capacity in geographically diverse areas of 19 this state to improve access to tax navigation and tax preparation services;
- 20 "(c) Improve the recruitment and retention of qualified tax preparers;
- 21 "(d) Strengthen the technology resources and training systems available

- 1 to tax preparers and volunteers; or
- 2 "(e) Strengthen taxpayer outreach, education and connections to commu-
- 3 nities by culturally specific and responsive tax navigation and preparation
- 4 service providers.
- 5 "(4) The department shall appoint a committee to advise the department
- 6 in the adoption of rules for the program. The advisory committee must in-
- 7 clude one or more individuals who:
- 8 "(a) Are low income.
- 9 "(b) Are Black.

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- 10 "(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.".

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