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I strongly support Senate Bill 149, as it expands essential support services to include asylum seekers and parolees, who are currently excluded from state-funded assistance. By broadening the eligibility for case support, emergency housing, and other critical services, this bill will ensure that all newcomer families, regardless of their immigration status, have access to the resources they need to build stable and successful lives in Oregon. SB 149 strengthens our commitment to creating a welcoming environment for refugees and immigrants, providing them with the foundation necessary to thrive and contribute to our communities. I urge legislators to pass this bill and continue to make Oregon a place of opportunity for all.