

SB 703 / HB 2788 Pathways to Protection & Citizenship Act



285,700

Number of immigrant workers in Oregon's labor force, including 64% of those in crop production



Over 25,000

Oregonians who lack documentation are eligible under existing federal law for protection, but lack access to immigration legal assistance



120,000

Number of Oregon immigrants who are eligible for naturalization

Pathways to lawful permanent status are expensive and sometimes difficult for individuals who are not familiar with immigration law.

SB 703/HB 2788 would expand existing ODHS immigration legal services programming through grants to culturally-specific and nonprofit legal services providers across Oregon.

Oregonians identified to receive immigration legal assistance include:

- Dreamers
- Those Who Served as Interpreters for U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Those Eligible Under Federal Law to Change Status or Obtain Lawful Permanent Resident Status
- Citizenship Applicants

**Improving access statewide to immigration legal services will:
Stabilize Oregon's Workforce**

Help ODHS clients graduate more quickly from Self-Sufficiency Programs

More Secure
Legal Status
Leads to

More Job
Mobility⁸

More Financial
Stability⁹

More Housing
Stability¹⁰

A More
Secure Future
for All Oregon

**Draw Down Medicaid, Medicare & Federal Energy, Water, Housing Assistance,
Saving Oregon General Fund Dollars**

Legal services help
Oregonians secure
a legal status and...

leave Healthier Oregon for
OHP and FFAO for SNAP

State leverages the 3:2
Federal Medicaid Match

General Fund
savings and more
stable families

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