

## COIN Legislative Session Worksheet

**Bill Number:** HB 2957

**Brief Description of Bill:** Directs Department of Human Services to establish program to distribute funds to community-based organizations to provide financial assistance to **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals** status recipients for specified purposes. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Last year a similar bill was put forward to use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide Dreamers with up to \$695 to pay fees associated with DACA renewal. As most of that money has been spent, this year funding would come from the general fund.

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**1. Research topic – please highlight which category best fits your bill:**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ● Climate Energy Environment | ● Education              |
| ● Housing/Houselessness      | ● Transportation         |
| ● Campaign Finance Reform    | ● Economics              |
| ● Immigration/Social Justice | ● Crime/Criminal Justice |
| ● Healthcare/Gun Safety      | ● Other:                 |

**2. The bill's Legislative champions – sponsors, co-sponsors:**

**Chief Sponsor:** Rep. Ricki Ruiz (D) Dist. 50 – Gresham, <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/ruiz>, email: [rep.RickiRuiz@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:rep.RickiRuiz@oregonlegislature.gov)  
Last year's bill had 31 house and 5 senate sponsors.

**3. The bill's legislative opponents:** None, but it is partisan

**4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? Provide contact information if available.**

**5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it?** No organized opposition

**8. What is the likelihood that the bill will pass?** Rep. Ruiz's legislative director is very optimistic this year's bill will pass.

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**9. What is your recommendation regarding whether COIN should take a position on this bill? You may want to consider the following criteria but are not required to do so:**

### Recommending COIN endorsement

- a. Does COIN or other progressive groups across the state care strongly about this issue? *I think Dreamers have received strong support by progressive groups.*
- b. Does this bill protect or expand the rights of marginalized populations? *The status of Dreamers is precarious and renewal is expensive. This bill would provide some support.*
- c. Does this bill help change the rules and structures of the democratic system to make it work better? *No*
- d. Is this an issue area that is entirely controlled by the states or an issue over which states have a great deal of power? *States have very limited power in regard to immigration. However, it has largely fallen on CBOs to provide support to immigrant communities.*
- e. Is this fight winnable? *Yes, if sufficient support is demonstrated.*
- f. Would constituent power add value and make a difference? *Yes, broad support by constituents could gain the votes needed to pass.*
- g. Other considerations?

**10. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s). (scheduled committee hearings, votes, lobby days, other scheduled advocacy, phone banks, post card parties, etc.)**

1-9 (H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

1-16 (H) Referred to Early Childhood and Human Services with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

**Public Hearing Scheduled:** [House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Committees/HECHS/Overview)

Date: 2/22/2023 1:00pm

Location: HR F, live stream:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Committees/HECHS/Overview>

**11. What activities does the advocacy group wish to mobilize COIN members or other activists to engage in? (phone calling, post cards, emails, LTEs, lobby days, other?)**

*Phone calls/emails to legislators in support. Attend public hearing*

**12. Are there any media contacts?**

**13. Is there any other important information about your bill?**