

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6245 SB	Title: Refugee & immigrant assist.	Agency: 300-Department of Social and Health Services
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill relates to assisting refugees and immigrants by describing the role of the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) in administering federal funding regarding refugee support services and authorizing DSHS ORIA to administer services to immigrants, adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW.

Section 3 requires the department to coordinate state, federal, and local efforts to support the economic and social integration of immigrants and refugees arriving and resettling in Washington.

Section 4 designates the department as the single state agency responsible for the development, review, and administration of the Washington state plan for refugee resettlement, and requires the department to submit the state plan to and seek approval from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) according to Title IV of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

Section 5 requires the department to provide refugee cash assistance, refugee medical assistance, and refugee support services in accordance with the federal act and the state plan.

Section 6 permits the department to administer services to immigrants who are ineligible for federal services, and permits the department to contract with external agencies, including community-based organizations, to provide services.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No cash receipts.

All refugee resettlement services within ORIA are currently supported by federal funding. This fiscal note relates to funding required for the expansion of services to include immigrants ineligible for federal funding, therefore all anticipated costs are 100 percent General Fund-State.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

ORIA does not currently have funding to serve immigrants who are ineligible for federal services (Sec. 6). A specific appropriation would be needed in order to serve these individuals. Several indeterminate funding options are provided below to reflect the service levels that ORIA could provide, given an appropriation.

To illustrate an approximate range of services that would be able to be provided to immigrants who are ineligible for federal services, relative to the appropriation provided, ORIA estimates the potential levels of client support possible with a \$5 million General Fund-State appropriation and with a \$25 million General Fund-State appropriation.

With a General Fund-State appropriation of \$5 million, ORIA estimates the ability to provide the following supports to immigrants ineligible for federal funding:

- Establishing a single contract for Arrival and Navigation Services within King County (approximately \$1.5 million)
- Contracting with several organizations statewide to provide social services supports for immigrants, including housing

navigation (approximately \$2 million)

- Allowing social service organizations to offer short-term, limited assistance to those in need of emergency housing (approximately \$1 million)
- Expanding state-funded employment and training programs (approximately \$500,000)

With a General Fund-State appropriation of \$25 million, ORIA estimates the ability to provide the following supports to immigrants ineligible for federal funding:

- Establishing two to three contracts for Arrival and Navigation Services statewide (approximately \$7.5 million)
- Contracting with five to ten organizations statewide to provide social services supports for immigrants, including housing navigation (approximately \$8 million)
- Allowing social service organizations to offer rental assistance and long-term housing supports to those waiting for work authorization (approximately \$7 million)
- Expanding state-funded employment and training programs (approximately \$2.5 million)

ORIA would also require an indeterminate number of additional staff to implement these services, dependent upon the appropriation provided.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

DSHS ESA Community Services Division (CSD) may need to update WACs to indicate that an expanded population is eligible for services.