



State Senator Kayse Jama

Senate District 24 (D-East Portland)

Native land of Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin Kalapuya, Molalla, and many other tribes that made their homes along the Columbia and Willamette Rivers

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State Senator Kayse Jama \$40 Million Budget Request for the 2022 Session

I. TOP PRIORITIES: GENERAL FUND / ARPA FUND REQUESTS

\$2 million for the Equitable Economic Recovery and Climate Resiliency for East Portland and East Multnomah County (Budget Ask)

This will be a **one-time fund** given to the Department of Administrative Services to distribute to Unite Oregon, a community justice organization focused on racial justice, immigrant and refugee rights, affordable housing, and living wages, to promote economic recovery and greater prosperity for East Portland. There will be a matching fund.

- \$1,000,000 **one-time fund for Business and Workforce Development Project Funds** to provide wrap-around small business development, education and services for 100 small businesses over a two-year period. Unite Oregon will cover the cost of 40 businesses and this budget will cover 60 businesses which are mostly owned by Black, Indigenous, communities of color, refugees, and immigrants. Additionally, all the participating small businesses would have access to a full suite of services, including IDAs, credit builder loans, and business education and counseling services (training-related bookkeeping, accounting, administrative assistance, etc.) as well as Unite Oregon's direct services including childcare and housing assistance.
- \$1,000,000 **one-time fund for Climate Resilience Hub Capital Construction Funds:** A capital construction funds to convert Unite Oregon's 2,200 sq ft building and the 8,000 sq ft parking lot into an indoor and outdoor climate resilience hub containing a workforce training center, small business incubator, child care center, and an emergency navigation and community resource distribution center. The total cost is \$1,575,000.

\$5 million for a pilot Immigrants and Refugees Integration Program (Budget Ask)

This will be a **one-time fund** given to the Oregon Department of Human Services to be distributed to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement. There will be no matching fund.

This program is based on 4 integration indicators which are: Housing, Education, Employment, and Health which are essential in aiding the smooth transition of immigrants and refugees. It provides:

- Access to Innovative English Learning Programs
- Workforce Development Training
- Leadership Development and Civic Engagement
- Research, Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking
- Digital Literacy Programs
- Pathway to Citizenship and Knows Your Rights Classes
- Community Navigators (legal service providers, social services and government agencies)

This program will help enable immigrant and refugee communities to reach their full potential by protecting their human rights and fostering social cohesion and integration. Successful integration of immigrants and refugees builds a stronger economy in Oregon. States like Illinois have implemented similar programs and have seen a significant boost in their economy.

II. PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION: POLICY BILLS WITH A FISCAL

\$15 million for the Establishment of Universal Legal Representation (SB 1543)

This will be an **ongoing fund** with \$4.5 million to the Oregon Justice Department (to distribute funds to the Oregon State Bar) and \$10.5 million to the Department of Administrative Services (to distribute funds to the Oregon Worker Relief Fund). There will be no matching fund.

Unlike in criminal court, undocumented immigrants facing deportation in civil immigration court are not guaranteed access to an attorney. Access to an attorney is one of the most important factors into determining whether an immigrant will defeat their unjust deportation. Deportation destabilizes families, disrupts the economy, reduces high school graduation rates, and increases our reliance on child and social welfare programs.

This budget request would help stop unlawful deportations and detentions, build stability and create pathways to work authorization and economic participation for immigrants and refugees, enable family unification, and incentivize legal talent to stay within Oregon through partnerships with 3 law schools.

\$18 million for Emergency Heat Relief for Renters (SB 1536)

This will be a **mix of both one-time and ongoing funds**. There will be no matching fund.

- \$500,000 **one-time** funds to OHCS for Cooling Strategies in Affordable Housing Study
- \$500,000 **one-time** funds to the Department of Energy for Voluntary Landlord Cooling Centers
- \$5 million **one-time** funds to the Department of Energy for Rental Energy Upgrade Grant Fund
- \$10 million **one-time** funds to the Department of Energy for Rental Heat Pump Rebate Fund
- \$2 million **on-going** funds to the Department of Human Services for Cooling Center Grants

In the summer of 2021, Oregon experienced a record heatwave, the 2nd worst natural disaster in our state's recorded history. Many people were made more vulnerable because they did not have access to life-saving, cooling technologies like air conditioning and heat pumps. Most people who passed away are seniors, people with disabilities, or people with underlying medical conditions, especially those living in upper-level multifamily units or manufactured homes. To help protect more families, we must remove barriers to installing these appliances and incentivize the most efficient and effective devices.

About State Senator Kayse Jama: Senator Jama represents Senate District 24 (East Portland and North Clackamas) and serves as the chair of the Senate Committee On Housing and Development. He was the first former refugee, Muslim, and Somali-American to serve in the Oregon State Senate. Before his appointment, Sen. Jama was a prominent community organizer and Executive Director of Unite Oregon.