

Senate Bill 856

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW, Representative PILUSO; Senator MANNING JR, Representative HERNANDEZ

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Oregon Office of New Americans in Governor's office. Specifies duties.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to services for immigrants in Oregon.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Office of New Americans is established in the office of the**
5 **Governor to serve as a central resource for welcoming and orienting immigrants coming to**
6 **Oregon and to coordinate government and nonprofit services available to new immigrants.**
7 **The Governor shall appoint no fewer than three individuals to carry out the responsibilities**
8 **of the Oregon Office of New Americans in performing the following functions:**

9 (1) **Connecting immigrants from diverse communities;**

10 (2) **Providing assistance to immigrants in accessing social services, legal assistance,**
11 **health care and local and federal government services;**

12 (3) **Maintaining shared community events calendars that are updated and translated into**
13 **the languages of each community;**

14 (4) **Being a resource to immigrants regarding:**

15 (a) **Educational opportunities;**

16 (b) **Employment;**

17 (c) **Legal assistance;**

18 (d) **Advocacy organizations;**

19 (e) **Training opportunities;**

20 (f) **Tutoring;**

21 (g) **Workshops and clinics;**

22 (h) **English as a second language classes; and**

23 (i) **Oregon History Day programs;**

24 (5) **Providing data and information to government agencies, social service agencies and**
25 **the public to better understand and meet the needs of immigrant communities and to dem-**
26 **onstrate the diversity of the population in this state;**

27 (6) **Compiling a database on:**

28 (a) **Migration and immigration numbers and patterns;**

29 (b) **Immigrants' countries of origin;**

30 (c) **Gaps in services provided to immigrants;**

31 (d) **Immigrant community needs; and**

32 (e) **Concerns of immigrant communities; and**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(7) Compiling data regarding services available to immigrants, including community out-**
2 **reach activities.**

3 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
4 **ated to the office of the Governor, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General**
5 **Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for implementing and administering**
6 **the Oregon Office of New Americans established by section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

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