

House Bill 3078

Sponsored by Representative ESQUIVEL, Senator THATCHER; Representative NEARMAN

SUMMARY

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Makes English official language of state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to English as the official language of Oregon.

Whereas English is the common language of the United States of America and the State of Oregon; and

Whereas the United States of America and the State of Oregon are strengthened by diversity, which is made possible by the presence of a common language; and

Whereas at least 138 languages are spoken in the State of Oregon, according to the United States Census 2010; and

Whereas the State of Oregon should dedicate itself to assisting people in attaining fluency in English, rather than attempting to learn the language of individual immigrants; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) English is the official language of the State of Oregon.

(2) An agency of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, is not required to provide services or information in a language other than English, except as required by state or federal law.

(3) This section does not prevent an agency of state government from providing services or information in a language other than English to individuals with limited English proficiency.

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.