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To: House Committee on Rules; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2944] AND [HB 3264]...Way too costly programs. "English" is spoken here.

***[HB 2944] excerpt states, "In addition to the translator and interpreter services described in subsection (2) of this section, upon the request of a member of the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Administrator shall cause public service posters, flyers, letters, brochures and other publicity materials describing public services, or official communications from agencies, to be translated to languages accessible to communities within the member's district." Isn't this sweet, election materials designed and delivered all paid by the dumber than dirt taxpayers!**

***[HB 2944] excerpt states, "SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$ _____, which may be expended for the purpose of providing the translator and interpreter services described in section 1 of this 2021 Act."**

The use of the General Fund to pay election materials designed and delivered all paid by the dumber than dirt taxpayers?

****[HB 3264] excerpt states, "(4) In addition to the translator and interpreter services described in subsection (2) of this section, upon the request of a member of the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Administrator shall cause public service posters, flyers, letters, brochures and other publicity materials describing public services, or official communications from agencies, to be translated to languages accessible to communities within the member's district." Where have we seen this issue before...maybe in [HB 2944]?**

****[HB 3264] excerpt states, "SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$ _____, which may be expended for the purpose of providing the translator and interpreter services described in sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act." There we go again, the General Fund to the rescue.**

The use of a translator to assist the disabled during legislative meetings is obviously acceptable. But, "...shall cause public service posters, flyers, letters, brochures and other publicity materials describing public services, or official communications from agencies, to be translated to languages accessible to communities within the member's district." This is an abhorrent waste and or misuse of taxpayer's monies and serves to potentially enrich the incumbent's re-election chances.

****[HB 3264] excerpt states, "(3) Upon developing a language access plan described in subsection (2) of this section, each member shall determine the most effective way to implement the plan so as to ensure that the member's office is delivering timely accessible communications to their limited English proficiency constituents, including but not limited to: (a) The member hiring bilingual or multilingual staff; (b) Relying on translator and interpreter services provided by the Legislative Administrator under section 1 of this 2021 Act; and (c) Contracting with one or more third-party language service providers utilizing existing member office budget resources. (4) The Legislative Administrator shall provide technical assistance to each member to develop and implement a language access plan, including but not limited to: (a) American Community Survey data; (b) Assistance in recruitment of bilingual or multilingual staff; and (c) Assistance in acquiring third-party providers of language services."**

[HB 2944] and [HB 3264] use people with Disabilities as "Props" for political gain.

Respectfully submitted
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