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I support passage of SB 149. Green Card holders who seek to obtain US Citizenship are not all financially able to retain attorneys or coaches to work through the process. This is especially important now because of the stigma associated with anyone who disagrees with the Federal Governments immigration policies. My family emigrated from Russia and Lithuania at the turn of the century when admission to the US and later citizenship were easier to obtain. Federal defunding of programs like those supported by private groups like EMO has been cut and the pathway to citizenship blocked. This bill supports the fundamental democratic ideal of educating new citizens and supporting building a better Oregon.