

Honorable Senators

I oppose HB0981.

Why should we spend tax dollars to translate public documents for those who are not proficient in English?

If we continue to provide expensive translators and translations, what is the incentive to become more proficient in English? By not learning English, how can these people become productive members of our State and eventually become citizens?

There were no government agencies available to help my German ancestors when they emigrated here in the nineteenth century. They were eager to become Americans and to learn English. Those newly arrived, got their relatives and neighbors who came before them to help them with the language barrier.

With a looming budget deficit, we cannot continue to spend money we do not have on groups who are probably not even citizens.

Please vote against HB0981.

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