

## Testimony Against HB0563

Please vote against HB0563.

This bill could be costly to the State and local boards as they may need to print instructions, signage and ballots in one or more foreign languages as well as try to hire foreign speaking judges when finding sufficient numbers of English speaking judges is often difficult. There is no fiscal review providing an estimate for the cost of these proposed requirements.

Moreover, this bill sets up a process for an individual or an ethnic group organization, such as CAIR, to sue the boards if sufficient foreign language materials are not provided (Sect. 15.5-106 on pages 5-6). The State Board could also sue the local board if it refuses to supply foreign language materials, and the local board may sue the state board to provide only English language materials.

The job of the local boards to hold the elections and obtain sufficient volunteers to be workers is daunting enough.

Please do not add any more administrative burden to the boards and create a process that could potentially involve suits against these boards.

An old cliché is that the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Please vote against bill HB0563 despite its good intentions.

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