Senate Bill 856
Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW, Representative PILUSO; Senator MANNING JR, Representative HERNANDEZ

SUMMARY
The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Establishes Oregon Office of New Americans in Governor's office. Specifies duties.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to services for immigrants in Oregon.

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

SECTION 1. The Oregon Office of New Americans is established in the office of the Governor to serve as a central resource for welcoming and orienting immigrants coming to Oregon and to coordinate government and nonprofit services available to new immigrants. The Governor shall appoint no fewer than three individuals to carry out the responsibilities of the Oregon Office of New Americans in performing the following functions:

(1) Connecting immigrants from diverse communities;
(2) Providing assistance to immigrants in accessing social services, legal assistance, health care and local and federal government services;
(3) Maintaining shared community events calendars that are updated and translated into the languages of each community;
(4) Being a resource to immigrants regarding:
   (a) Educational opportunities;
   (b) Employment;
   (c) Legal assistance;
   (d) Advocacy organizations;
   (e) Training opportunities;
   (f) Tutoring;
   (g) Workshops and clinics;
   (h) English as a second language classes; and
   (i) Oregon History Day programs;
(5) Providing data and information to government agencies, social service agencies and the public to better understand and meet the needs of immigrant communities and to demonstrate the diversity of the population in this state;

(6) Compiling a database on:
   (a) Migration and immigration numbers and patterns;
   (b) Immigrants’ countries of origin;
   (c) Gaps in services provided to immigrants;
   (d) Immigrant community needs; and
   (e) Concerns of immigrant communities; and

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.

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(7) Compiling data regarding services available to immigrants, including community outreach activities.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the office of the Governor, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $______, which may be expended for implementing and administering the Oregon Office of New Americans established by section 1 of this 2019 Act.

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