A-Bill For An Act

Relating to Indigenous languages; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $2,000,000 for distribution to Pueblo Unido PDX for facilitating the creation of language proficiency evaluations for interpreters of Indigenous languages spoken in present-day Mexico and Central and South America.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $500,000 for distribution to Oregon Worker Relief for payments to individuals who provide interpretation services of languages that are the national languages of small countries from which local populations have emigrated, languages spoken by small ethnic minority groups or languages spoken by Indigenous groups.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.