

RULES COMMITTEE: 10/3/18

ITEM: G.3

EXPEDITED CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): **CMO**

Date: 09/27/18 Coordination:

Intergovernmental Relations and

Dept. Approval: /s/ Zulma Maciel

City Attorney

CMO Approval:

SUBJECT: AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond) Adult Education Block Grant Program: Immigrant

Integration

RECOMMENDED POSITION: Support

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, re-(a) affirm a support position for AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond).
- Recommend this item be agendized for the October 16, 2018 City Council meeting so that the City's (b) legislative representative can continue to advocate the City's position for AB 2098 (McCarty & Thurmond).

BILL SYNOPSIS:

The bill directs that the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration receive the annual report on Adult Education Block Grant Program in addition to the Director of Finance, the State Board of Education and the Legislature. It also directs the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to work with the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration and adult education program providers to identify common measures for meeting the needs of immigrant and refugee adults. It further directs said parties to define the specific data the consortium of adult education providers must collect, as well as establish a menu of common assessments and policies for use in placing immigrant adults, measuring educational needs of adults and the effectiveness of providers in addressing those needs. This bill also extends the deadline for the Chancellor and Superintendent to identify measures for assessing the effectiveness of each consortium from January 1, 2016 to July 1, 2019.

IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSE:

Adding immigrant integration to the Adult Education Block Grant Program outcomes aligns fully with the City's "Welcoming San José Plan" by expanding economic opportunities for immigrants by helping them improve their job skills and English proficiency. The bill provides incentives for education providers to maintain and improve services to immigrants and refugees in San José and beyond. The bill also protects the data and personal information of immigrants and refugees. The consortium can share the data only in an aggregated way, thereby maintaining the confidentiality of participant information.

POLICY ALIGNMENT:

A support position on AB 2098 aligns with Council-adopted priority to "ensure the region's competitiveness through strategic economic development", and "provide services that promote health, economic selfsufficiency, education, and high quality of life for all San José residents."

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:

Supporters: Alliance for Language Learners' Integration. Education and Success; Association of Community and Continuing Education; California Council for Adult Education; California Adult Education Administrators Association; San José Evergreen Community College.

Opponents: None.

STATUS OF BILL:

The Governor signed AB 2098 on September 26, 2018.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Zulma Maciel, Assistant to the City Manager, 408-535-8146.