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HB 2392: statewide ADA coordinator; appropriation Sponsor: Representative Longdon, LD 5 Committee on Government

<u>Overview</u>

Instructs the Governor's Office of Equal Opportunity (GOEO) to hire an Americans with disabilities coordinator. Appropriates \$100,000 and one FTE in FY24 from the state General Fund (GF).

<u>History</u>

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recognized that people with physical or mental disabilities have a right to fully participate in all aspects of society and prevents discrimination against individuals with disabilities in areas such as employment, housing and public accommodations (<u>42 U.S.C. § 12101</u>).

The GOEO:

- 1) Administers the State's equal opportunity guidelines;
- 2) Monitors compliance with state agency equal opportunity plans;
- 3) Processes State of Arizona employee equal opportunity complaints;
- 4) Provides training for state agency equal opportunity administrators;
- 5) Offers facilitative mediation services for state agencies; and
- 6) Provides information and referrals to local and national resources as requested (GOEO).

Provisions

- 1. Directs the GOEO to hire a full-time Americans with disabilities coordinator. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Requires the Americans with disabilities coordinator implement an annual ADA plan that must:
 - a) Be community based;
 - b) Promote coordination of disability activities throughout Arizona;
 - c) Provide education opportunities for small businesses;
 - d) Encourage coordination between small businesses and the disability community in accordance with the ADA for public and private settings; and
 - e) Include specific enforcement of disability accessibility goals and a method to measure progress. (Sec.1)
- 3. Appropriates \$100,000 and one FTE position from the state GF in FY 2024 to the office of the Governor for personal services for an Americans with disabilities coordinator. (Sec. 2)