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HB 2533: statewide ADA coordinator; appropriation
Sponsor: Representative Longdon, LD 24
Committee on Appropriations

Overview

Requires the Governor's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) to hire a full-time state-wide Americans with Disabilities (ADA) coordinator. Appropriates \$100,000 and one FTE position from the state General Fund (GF) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 to the Office of the Governor for personal services and employee-related expenditures for an ADA coordinator.

History

OEO was established in 1993 by Executive Order 93-20. OEO's mission is to prepare, revise and administer the State of Arizona Equal Opportunity Guidelines for equal employment opportunity and economic growth. In doing so, OEO does the following: 1) guides the State Agency Equal Opportunity planning process, provides technical assistance and training to agency leadership, Equal Opportunity liaisons and supervisory staff; 2) administers a complaint process for current and former State employees; and 3) works with the Arizona Commerce Authority to develop and initiate programs designed to promote economic growth in low income and minority communities including minority and women-owned businesses.

Enacted on July 26, 1990, the ADA Act prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in several areas, including employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications and access to state and local government programs and services.

Provisions

1. Requires OEO to hire a full-time state-wide ADA coordinator. (Sec. 1)
2. States the ADA coordinator must implement an annual plan to carry out the requirements of the ADA Act in Arizona. (Sec. 1)
3. Requires the plan to:
 - a) Be community based;
 - b) Promote the coordination of disabilities activities throughout Arizona;
 - c) Include a component that provides educational opportunities for small businesses;
 - d) Encourage coordination between the small business community and the disability community to better enhance compliance with the ADA Act in public and private settings; and
 - e) Include specific enforcement of disability accessibility goals and a method for measuring the progress toward the attainment of the goals. (Sec. 1)
4. Appropriates \$100,000 and one FTE position from the state GF in FY 2022 to the Office of the Governor for personal services and employee-related expenditures for an ADA coordinator. (Sec. 2)

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