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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GROWTH, AND
HOUSEHOLD IMPACT

José Solache, Chair

AB 1254 (Sharp-Collins) – As Amended March 28, 2025

SUBJECT: GO-Biz: local immigrant integration initiatives: reporting

SUMMARY: The bill would require the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to submit its annual report on awarded grants, project descriptions, and program outcomes for the Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG) to the Legislature on or before May 1, instead of the previously unspecified deadline.

Specifically, **this bill:**

- a) This bill would require the report to be submitted on or before May 1.

EXISTING LAW:

- a) Creates the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and requires GO-Biz to serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth.
- b) Existing law establishes, until June 30, 2026, the Local Government Immigrant Integration Initiative and requires GO-Biz, upon appropriation, to administer competitive grants to local governments to develop or expand local immigrant integration initiatives.
- c) Requires GO-Biz to include in an annual report to each house of the Legislature, as specified, information on awarded grants, project descriptions for each grant award, and information on program report outcomes.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS: The Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG) in GO-Biz was established by the Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 178, Skinner) and Government Code section 12100.140 et seq. This bill set up the Local Government Immigrant Integration Initiatives program within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

The LIIG is a one-year grant from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. Contingent on funding availability, GO-Biz may award additional funding for a second year. Eligible activities for LIIG funding include but are not limited to: 1) Economic Development, 2) Social Services Navigation, 3) Intergovernmental Technical Assistance, and 4) Civic Engagement. This funding opportunity is intended for California Cities, Counties, or County or City Departments.

LIIG was created to provide one-time funding to support the development or expansion of immigrant integration efforts, increase community trust, and enhance the organizational capacity of local governments to support immigrant populations in California.

Author's Amendments: "Immigrants make up 27% of California's population. There are many barriers to successful integration which is why California established the Local Government Immigrant Integration Initiative to provide support for entrepreneurs, assist in accessing supporting services, and promote best practices in local government. AB 1254 requires grant performance reports to be delivered to the Legislature before the May Revise, allowing time for a budget augmentation informed by recently received program data".

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**Support**

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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