SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1533 Relating to elections

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Campos

SB 1533 increases the number of the most commonly spoken languages, other than English, that state and county voters' pamphlets have to be translated into from five to ten. The measure also increases the number of people required to speak a language for it to qualify for translation and adds more translators to the Translation Advisory Council.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is \$61,522 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium and \$271,828 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. 2025-27 costs will be phased-in as part of the current service level calculations during 2025-27 budget development. It is assumed that current biennium costs can be absorbed; however, if costs are higher than expected or cannot be absorbed within the Elections Division budget, the agency could request funding during the 2025 Legislative Session.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 1533 be reported out do pass.