



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: BOS Budget and Appropriations Committee

CC: Brent Jalipa, Assistant Clerk
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

FROM: 2024-2025 Youth Commission

DATE: Monday, April 21, 2025

RE: SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION LEGISLATION REFERRED 04/07/25

At its in-person meeting on Monday, April 07, 2025 the Youth Commission discussed BOS File No. 250242:

1. The Youth Commission understands and stresses the importance of having access to language translation services for all individuals needing it in San Francisco.
2. The Youth Commission acknowledges that we must increase language assistance in schools and the City and County of San Francisco.
3. The Youth Commission put together the following questions for the hearing:
 - What steps has OCEIA affairs taken to ensure that youth feel empowered to advocate for fair language access?
 - What steps has OCEIA taken to promote better language access for immigrant communities?
 - How are departments ensuring that ESL youth can access services like mental health counseling, housing support, or afterschool programs?
 - How does the City collect data on language access needs and outcomes?
 - What accountability measures are in place if a city department fails to meet language access requirements?
 - The report says that over half of departments increased funding for language services. What is the overall increase for funding of language access citywide, and how is this funding being distributed amongst departments?
 - How will OCEIA and departments ensure that language access brochures are available to the public? Through connections with community organizations?

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Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff (415) 554-6446 with any questions. Thank you.