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Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

2019 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Increase the budget for the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Division of Community Advocacy and Services (CAS).

The CAS division carries out the important work of building resourcefulness among Iowans by:

- Building capacity for people to become agents of change in their communities.
- Helping with navigation for those who need access to services.
- Creating resourcefulness and improving systems for youth through a focus on developing non-traditional leaders.
- Elevating issues, ideas, cultures, and contributions to improving connection among all Iowans.

The Commission on Latino Affairs relies on the Iowa Department of Human Rights staff to carry out much of the work identified by the Commission. Increasing the DHR budget would preserve programs and services that benefit our most vulnerable populations.

2. Provide driver's licenses for all residents of Iowa, regardless of immigration status.

Providing driver licenses for all Iowa residents, regardless of immigration status, ensures public safety. Driver licenses contain addresses and other identifiable information, helps drivers understand the rules and responsibilities of the road through a proficiency examination, and reduces the number of uninsured motorists because drivers are more likely to register their vehicle and obtain adequate insurance. Having a driver's license allows residents to engage in Iowa's economic, social and cultural life.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Latino Affairs at 515-281-4080 or Sonia.Reyes-Snyder@iowa.gov

The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs is a governor-appointed Commission comprised of public members who:

- Study opportunities and changing needs of the Latino population of this state;
- Serve as a liaison between the Department and the public;
- Recommend legislative and executive action to the General Assembly and Governor;
- Establish advisory committees, work groups of other coalitions to achieve goals.

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