

**House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs**

**02/27/2025 Upon Adjournment**

**HB25-1244 Welcome, Reception, & Integration Grant Program**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Jeany Rush Against themselves	<p>TO: House Committee for State, Civic Military &amp; Veterans Affairs</p> <p>RE: HB25-1244 Welcome, Reception, &amp; Integration Grant Program</p> <p>Sponsors: Velasco, Garcia, Cutter</p> <p>FROM: Jeany Rush, Colorado Springs Constituent 2-27-25</p> <p>Vote: NO</p> <p>Let's see if we are on the same page here. This bill is proposing the use of Statewide Welcome, Reception and Integration Grant Program funds going to Community Based Organizations who help culturally and linguistically challenged "Migrants" to increase the time of aid from 1 to 3 years?</p> <p>"The statewide welcome, reception, and integration grant program provides grants to community-based organizations that provide culturally and linguistically appropriate navigation of services to migrants who have arrived in the United States within the past year and do not qualify for federal support services or refugee resettlement assistance benefits."</p> <p>What is a migrant who has arrived in the last one or 3 years, who does not qualify for federal support services, or refugee resettlement assistance?</p> <p>Isn't that basically the definition of a person who is in the USA illegally?</p> <p>Doesn't that enable the Furthering of a Sanctuary State scenario?</p> <p>While many churches, or non-profit organizations give aid to folks who may be indigent, etc., would it not be illegal to house people who have come without legal process?</p> <p>Shouldn't the state be concentrating on the citizens of the state, as opposed to those that have come here not using proper channels?</p> <p>Should people be in this nation illegally for 3 years receiving state taxpayer funds, without being sent back to their nation of origin, still be here receiving this aid?</p> <p>When we are over-taxing our own residents, and creating law after law to cripple our state, businesses, homes, and way of life, should we be opening our state to thousands of people who have come here, without legal process, thereby putting more and more burdens on the citizens already here. Let's not forget our own veterans, and whoever so many homeless are here?</p> <p>I do not agree with extending the use from 1 year to 3 years as it extends unresolved problems for the state. Also, I do not agree to the extended aid in money and resources for the same time.</p>

	We seem to be violating the constitution over and over.
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