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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the duties of the commission on the status of
2   Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage regarding
3   interpreter qualifications.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1   Section 1. Section 216A.155, Code 2007, is amended by
1 2 adding the following new subsection:
1 3   NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Adopt rules, with stakeholder input,
1 4 pursuant to chapter 17A, to develop a mechanism to ensure the
1 5 qualifications of interpreters for Asian and Pacific Islander
1 6 persons and maintain and provide a list of those deemed
1 7 qualified to Iowa courts, administrative agencies, social
1 8 service agencies, and health agencies, as requested.
1 9   EXPLANATION
1 10   This bill provides that the commission on the status of
1 11 Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage of the
1 12 department of human rights adopt rules pursuant to Code
1 13 chapter 17A to develop a mechanism to ensure interpreter
1 14 qualifications for the languages spoken by Asian and Pacific
1 15 Islander persons. The bill also provides that the commission
1 16 shall provide a list of qualified interpreters to a list of
1 17 agencies and entities which include social service agencies
1 18 and health agencies.
1 19   The requirements in the bill are identical to those found
1 20 in Code section 216A.15 relating to the qualifications of
1 21 Spanish language interpreters.
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