

Upcoming Legislation

In the upcoming bills to be presented, we have a bill coming up regarding the immigration policies here in Oklahoma. This bill will be presented by Senator Garcia of the OU delegation.

The bill number is OU-006 and will be known as the “Becoming American” act of 2023. According to Garcia, Oklahoma’s growing population of refugees demands the need for affordable legal counsel to immigrants.

Senator Garcia states the purpose for writing this bill is “to facilitate a step forward in helping immigrants in Oklahoma”.

“This legislation allows aliens to exercise their right to the sixth amendment.”

The author reflects on her own experiences, as an incentive to write this bill. She expresses how hard the immigration process is and how expensive it can get for immigrants. In her personal experience, an immigration attorney has been over five thousand dollars and only for one session.

Senator Garcia hopes to create more legislation in the future about immigration policies. She believes this bill could be a stepping stone to something greater in the future.

This legislation accounts for not only those in removal proceedings but for those that are illegal immigrants. This allows for them to ask questions without the fear of getting deported.

This bill will be presented by Senator Garcia in the Senate chambers in the upcoming days, so be sure to look out for it.

