

Editorial

'Arrogant' is our official description of English language bill

Responsible lawmaking involves several important steps. One of these is a finding of need based on objective information. In other words, a clear statement of the problem the proposed law is intended to remedy.

We've read HB 512, the bill that would declare English as the official language of Alaska, and we can't find such a statement anywhere in it. We've also read the sponsor statement, and can't find a shred of justification there, either.

This bill has no legitimate purpose. Its only dubious purpose is to provide another platform for white, urban conservatives who can't seem to accept ethnic diversity as one of America's more robust realities, who seem threatened because some people don't accept their notions of cultural conformity.

This bill is arrogant and ill-conceived and should be declared officially dead.