



Mej Koob and Hmong Weddings

In traditional Hmong weddings, the Mej Koob negotiate the terms of the union. Usually there are two, one for each family. Many of the weddings officiated by the Mej Koob are not legally recognized outside of the Hmong community.

I am currently working with Hmong leaders from across the state to create legislation that will empower the Mej Koob to legalize unions as well as to negotiate them. It is important to support the needs of the Hmong community so that we can respect cultural traditions while making sure our legal requirements are being met.

I would like to hear from more Hmong leaders and the community about what they need out of this legislation before moving forward. For that reason, I am conducting four listening sessions throughout the state with the Hmong 18 Clan Council. I look forward to continuing to work with the Hmong community and to ensure this meets their needs in the best way possible.