Immigration

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1   Abstract

How should scarce legal service resources be allocated to refugees and asylum seekers?

2   Introduction

2.1   Importance of immigration

Discuss projected population growth from immigration estimated by CBO.

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5 Methodology

$$\sum_h \sum_{t=0}^{\bar{t}} W(Y_{h,t}(T_h)) = \sum_h \sum_{t=0}^{\bar{t}} W(Y_{h,t}^0 + T_h \cdot \Delta_{h,t}))$$

$$Y_t^0(\hat{X}_h) \text{ of } \mathbb{E}[Y_t^0 | X_h, t]$$

$$\Delta \hat{X}_h \text{ of } \mathbb{E}[Y_t^1 - Y_t^0 | X_h, t]$$

6 Results

7 Discussion

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8 Conclusion

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