HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 916   **PRINTER'S NO:** 1040   **PRIME SPONSOR:** Bradford

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	$0	$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 916 amends the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act to allow for a provisional registration for sign language interpreters. To receive a provisional registration, an applicant must do the following: submit an application; pay a $50 fee (which may be changed by regulation); show proof of graduation from an interpreter education program with an associate degree or higher; be at least 18 years of age; and meet general competency requirements. An individual wishing to obtain a provisional registration must apply within five years from the date of graduation from an interpreter education program. As a provisional registrant, an interpreter may not perform services in legal, mental health setting (unless accompanied by a registered interpreter or transliterator), or a physician's office (unless the patient is informed of the provisional registration and has the right to be provided a registered interpreter or transliterator upon request).

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

The Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) currently registers sign language interpreters and tranliterators. This bill would create a new category of registration. House Bill 916 sets a registration fee of $50 for the provisional registration. This fee can be adjusted through regulation to cover any additional costs associated with administering this act.

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