



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 642

PRINTER'S NO: 697

PRIME SPONSOR: Tomlinson

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	See analysis	See analysis

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 642, Printer's Number 697, amends the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act to allow for a provisional registration. An applicant for a provisional registration under the bill must complete an application, pay a \$50 fee, provide proof graduation from an interpreter education program, pass a written examination, be at least 18 years of age and be competent enough to satisfy the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

This bill will take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

The Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing currently registers sign language interpreters and transliterators. The Office is funded through the Department of Labor and Industry's General Government Operations appropriation. Currently, the Department registers nearly 300 interpreters under the act. The bill would create a new class of registration, but provides a fee to help defray some of the cost of the provisional registrations. The fee may be adjusted by regulation if necessary. Existing staff resources in the Office should be able to accommodate the new registrations.

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