

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 03-0012/2	Introduction Number AB-158
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Subject
Certification of foreign language interpreters

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns
 - Counties
 - School Districts
 - Village
 - Others
 - WTCS Districts
 - Cities

Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.165(1)(g)	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 158 directs the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) to promulgate rules to establish the education, competency, or training requirements that a person must satisfy to be granted a certificate by the department as a "Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter" and to regulate foreign language interpreters so certified. The bill provides "title protection" only, regulating use of the title "Wisconsin Certified Foreign Language Interpreter."

The bill requires DRL to promulgate rules specifying the languages for which a person may be certified as an interpreter. The bill requires one of these languages to be Spanish. This estimate assumes that the Department will offer certification to interpreters of four languages and will certify approximately 100 interpreters.

To implement and administer provisions of this bill, the agency would form a 7-person advisory council made up of experts in the following areas: foreign language interpretation, education, health care, court representation, and also a public member. For purposes of this estimate it is assumed that the members of the advisory council would represent various geographic parts of the state, incurring travel, lodging, and meal costs. The advisory council would have ten meetings for the purpose of rulemaking and would meet four times per year thereafter.

For purposes of estimating regulation and enforcement costs, a 4% complaint rate has been used, with half of the complaints leading to a hearing or formal disciplinary action.

To implement and administer the provisions of this bill, the agency would require additional resources to support processing systems modifications, rulemaking efforts, and increased workload in credentialing and enforcement, as well as exam development and administration.

The fiscal impact is detailed below:

TOTAL ONE-TIME COSTS, \$101,780

Advisory Committee, \$5,760

7 members

Rulemaking process – 10 meetings

Travel – 7 @ 110 miles average x .325 cents = \$250 x 10 = \$2500

Meals – 7 @ \$20/day x 10 = \$1,400

Lodging – 3 @ \$62/day x 10 = \$1,860

*Contractual Services, \$76,280

Language test development - \$18,260 x 4 languages = \$73,040

Wisconsin statutes/rules exam development (one exam for 4 languages) = \$3,240

*Contracted services include: define practice competencies of interpreters; survey professionals and analyze results; develop test specifications; provide questions for listening and audio segments of exams; record audio questions; review and validate questions; collect pass point recommendations; develop forms; and set cut scores.

Administrative Rulemaking, \$8,380

100 hours paralegal @ \$27 per hour = \$2,700

80 hours legal counsel @ \$53 per hour = \$4,240

40 hours program manager @ \$36 per hour = \$1,440

Applications, Forms, and Code Book Development, \$2,460

20 hours legal counsel @ \$53 per hour = \$1,060

20 hours program manager @ \$36 per hour = \$720

40 hours program assistant @ \$17 per hour = \$680

Application Forms and Code Books, Printing and Mailing Costs, \$500

Information Technology Costs, \$2,400

Modifications to Processing Systems and Website

80 hours @ \$30 per hour = \$2,400

Phone System Modifications, \$1,000

Modifications to Interactive Voice Response System - \$500

Modifications to Automatic Call Distribution System - \$500

Furniture, Hardware, and Software for 1 FTE, \$5,000

Computer (1) @ \$2,500

Furniture (1) @ \$2,500

TOTAL ANNUALIZED COSTS, \$79,750

Advisory Committee, \$2,310

4 meetings/year, 7 members

Travel – 7 @ 110 mile average x .325 cents = \$1000

Meals – 7 @ \$20/day x 4 = \$560

Lodging – 3 @ \$62/day x 4 = \$750

Contractual Services, \$18,200

Examination maintenance and revision on a four year cycle (four languages, 2 formats for each exam.)

Cost to Administer Examinations – 100 @ \$57 per candidate, \$5,700

One FTE, \$47,840

1 FTE, Examination Specialist @ \$23 per hour = \$47,840

Supplies and Materials Associated with 1 FTE = \$1,200

*Enforcement Costs, \$4,500

Intake and Screening - \$484

16 Program Assistant 3 hours @ \$17 per hour = \$272

4 legal counsel hours @ \$53 per hour = \$212

Investigations - \$624

24 Investigator hours @ \$26 per hour = \$624

Stipulation/Hearing - \$3,392

64 legal counsel hours @ \$53 per hour = \$3,392

(Four complaints per year, two investigated and closed, two have formal hearing and/or disciplinary action.)

ANNUALIZED REVENUE

Fee revenue for 100 certified interpreters would be \$5,300 every two years or \$2,650 annually. If 2 practitioners a year were assessed fines on five counts at the maximum forfeiture amount, the forfeiture would be \$5,000 annually.

*Salary calculations include 38.92% fringe for permanent FTE's and 7.65% for LTE's (proctors).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
\$101,780			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$47,840	
	(FTE Position Changes)	(1.0 FTE)	
	State Operations - Other Costs	31,910	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$79,750	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS (Gen.)	79,750	
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned	265	
	FED		
	PRO/PRS (Gen.)	7,385	
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$7,650	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$79,750	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$7,650	\$
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