

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	03-1414/5	Introduction Number	SB-255	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Licensure of deaf and hard of hearing interpreters					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 255 directs the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) to promulgate rules and to regulate licensees for two different types of licenses for persons who, for compensation, provide interpretation services for the deaf or hard of hearing.

The bill requires DRL to promulgate rules establishing a code of ethics that governs the professional conduct of all licensees. DRL is to regulate the licensees under the provisions of these rules

To implement and administer provisions of this bill, the agency would form a 5-member advisory council made up of experts in interpreting for the deaf and hard of hearing in the following areas: education, health care, and court representation. For purposes of this estimate it is assumed that 4 members of the advisory council would need to travel to Madison to advise and that 2 of the members would need overnight accomodation. The advisory council would have 3 meetings for the purpose of rulemaking and would meet four times per year thereafter.

For purposes of estimating regulation and enforcement costs, it is assumed DRL would license 200 practitioners. A 2 and 1/2% complaint rate has been used, with half of the complaints leading to a hearing or formal disciplinary action. All hourly salary amounts for state staff include fringe at 38.92%.

TOTAL ONE-TIME COSTS, \$ 18,455

Administrative Rulemaking, \$7,129

80 hours paralegal @ \$27 per hour = \$2,160

40 hours legal counsel @ \$53 per hour = \$2,120

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

Advisory Committee Per Diem and Travel Costs for 3 meetings to assist in Rule development
= \$1,409

Applications and Forms 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

Information Technology Costs, \$6,236

Modifications to Processing Systems and Website

96 hours IT Data Base Administrator @ \$35 per hour = \$3,360

32 hours Contract Programmer @ 55 per hour = \$1,760

4 hours IT Technician @ 29 per hour = \$ 116

Phone System Modifications, \$1,000

Modifications to Interactive Voice Response System - \$500

Modifications to Automatic Call Distribution System - \$500

Hearings on denial of 3 % of applications \$2,630

40 hours Legal Counsel @ 53 per hour = \$2,120
10 hours Administrative Law Judge @ 51 per hour = \$ 510

TOTAL ANNUALIZED COSTS, \$14,194

Advisory Committee, \$2,727
4 meetings/year, 5 members
Per Diem \$ 500
Travel \$1,379

16 hours Program Manager @ 36 per hour = \$ 576
16 hours Program Assistant @ 17 per hour = \$ 272

Enforcement Costs, \$10,067 for 5 complaints a year. 3 complaints resolved after investigation

3 Complaints through Investigation

18 hours Investigator @ 26 per hour = \$ 468
3 hours Legal Counsel @ 53 per hour = \$ 159
15 hours Program Assistant @ 17 per hour = \$ 255

2 Complaints to full hearing

12 hours Investigator @ 26 per hour = \$ 312
66 hours Legal Counsel @ 53 per hour = \$3,498
80 hours Administrative Law Judge @ 51 per hour = \$4,080
10 hours Program Assistant @ 17 per hour = \$ 170
15 hours of Expert Witness testimony @ 75 per hour = \$1,125

ANNUALIZED REVENUE

Fee revenue for 200 certified interpreters would be \$10,600 every two years or \$5,300 annually. \$4,770 would come to DRL to cover costs, \$530 would be deposited to the General Fund.

DRL has no data to determine local government costs. If a licensee is accused of a felony under this bill, a local prosecutor might wish to bring the case.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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Subject			
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
\$18,455			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$11,190	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs		3,004	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$14,194	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS		14,194	
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, ets.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned		530	
FED			
PRO/PRS		4,770	
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$5,300	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$14,194	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$5,300	\$
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