

### Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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  Supplemental

LRB Number <b>19-2654/2</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0250</b>
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**Description**  
 examinations and licensure of sign language interpreters, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority

**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

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<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)

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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DSPS 6/12/2019**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

DSPS prepared this fiscal estimate based on the version of the bill provided through LFB's fiscal estimate site.

Assembly amendment 1 has been drafted to address concerns raised by the size of this fiscal estimate but it has not been taken into consideration.

DHS is currently working on a contract and certification with BEI with estimated annual contact maintenance costs of approximately \$35,000.

BEI's website lists contact values up to approximately \$1,500,000.

There are approximately 500 active sign language interpreter license holders, and approximately 700 total if the restricted license holders are included

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Because DSPS must conduct a biennial fee study in order to established occupational/professional license fees based on the actual revenues and expenditures involved in administering each professional license, the potential of incurring the costs of a contract of approximately \$1.5 million, based on 500 to 700 license holders, the next fee study may require DSPS to propose increasing the current license fees from \$75 to over \$1,000.

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
Fiscal Estimate

Division	Hours	Brief Description	Hourly Fringe	Total
Name of Preparer				
Bill or Rule		AB 250, relating to examinations and licensure of sign language interpreters, providing an		\$1,622,907.86
				\$1,585,966.36
<b>One-time Costs:</b>				
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Hourly Fringe</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Rules Coordinator (Henes)	200	Rules promulgation process	0.1575	\$6,829.50
License Exam Spec. - Senior	40	Exam identification for mental health interpretation	0.1575	\$941.50
	20	40 hours of deaf interpreter curriculum	0.1575	\$470.75
	20	Identify substantially equivalent coursework for ASL Linguistics I & II	0.1575	\$470.75
	2	Website update	0.1575	\$47.08
	20	Define 40 hour practicum	0.1575	\$470.75
Program assistant Supervisor (Wood)	15	Onboarding new committee members once identified (costs/time dependent on a variety of factors, including number of members on the committee)	29.62	\$446.66
	60	Create online renewal process for each new license type in ICE; Create DRN's & NOI's for each new license type; Work with RMFS to create/update website content for each new license type; Create SOP's for each new license type; Train staff on new credentials, requirements and other changes; Update current online renewal process for Restricted Sign Language Interpreters	\$27.99	\$1,688.85
RMPS - Nartowicz, J	120	Create new forms; Amend application forms; Work with DET to create new methods and requirements in ICE; Create new information on website; Facilitate staff training; Create checklists; Complete Systems Testing	\$32.58	\$3,928.50
RMFS	65	Create new forms for each of the new licenses: intermediate hearing, advanced hearing, intermediate deaf, & advanced deaf; Update website to create 4 categories and a page for each (50 for initial, 15 for renewal)	\$27.64	\$1,806.84
LPPA (3) x 1 hr 40 min each	5	Train on new requirements & SOP's	\$16.05	\$81.04
LPPA (4) X 5 hrs each	20	Assist with creating new forms; Train on new requirements; Revise standard operating procedures; Complete testing.	\$16.05	\$324.15
OOA (7) x 15-20 min each	2	Train on new requirements	\$14.84	\$30.00
<b>Supplies and Services</b>				
Sign Language Interpreter Services	Amount	Brief Description		
BEI contract establishment	\$770	(\$110*7)		\$1,568,430.00
	\$1,500,000	Add new profession in ICE (includes setting up profession, application requirements, credential methods)		
DET	\$3,400	Add new profession in OLAS (160 hr./profession)		
DET	\$54,400	Setup fee, renewal, testing		
DET	\$1,700	Letters/Reports (DRN's, NOI's, WallCert's, Governor Certs, Wallet Card, Renewal notice)		
DET	\$6,800	License Search, PDMP, FTP Jobs		
DET	\$1,360			
<b>On-going Costs:</b>				
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Hourly Fringe</b>	<b>Total</b>
License Exam Spec. - Senior	40	curriculum review and approval	23.38	\$941.50
Supplies and Services	Amount	Brief Description		
BEI contract maintenance	\$35,000	annual certification of staff, training, etc.		\$36,000
Examination	\$1,000	Acquisition of an exam for mental health interpretation		