

## Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>01-2979/3</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-444</b>
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**Subject**  
 Court interpreter fees

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

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

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	ss. 20.625(1)(c), 20.680(2)(a)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the state reimbursement rate for fees paid to interpreters in the circuit courts is set at \$35 per half day. This bill increases that rate to \$35 per hour. It also creates a 2 year project position in the director of state courts office to assist in developing a program for the training and testing of qualified court interpreters.

Currently, counties initially pay for the costs of interpreters used in the circuit courts and the clerk of court submits the bills for reimbursement by the state at a rate not to exceed \$35 per half day. Presently counties are averaging a \$40 per hour payment rate to court interpreters. In FY 2000 the director of state courts office had a base budget of \$188,800 to reimburse counties for these costs which are expected to be \$292,500. Under this bill the state reimbursement rate would be \$35 per hour and based on FY 2000 numbers it is expected that the counties would need to be reimbursed an additional \$210,100 in FY 2002 and \$395,200 in FY 2003 over the present base budget. The increase in the second year is due to an increase in judicial awareness of when interpreters should be appointed and who is an appropriate person to serve as an interpreter. This bill would provide an additional \$311,200 annually in those two years for the director's office to reimburse counties for interpreter costs.

The project position will be for a 2 year period and the bill provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 annually to assist the director of state courts office in developing a certification and training program for circuit court interpreters. It is expected that the position would cost \$198,600 in the two year period.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
State - 1 Project Position at \$198,600 over a two year period			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance	311,200		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$311,200</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR	311,200		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$311,200		\$-311,200
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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