



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHS 12/2/2009

LRB Number	<b>09-2149/4</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-389</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Licensing sign language interpreters, creating an evidentiary privilege for communications with those interpreters, creating a Sign Language Interpreter Council, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 389 would prevent a person from providing sign language interpretation services for a deaf or hard of hearing client for compensation unless the person holds a license granted from the Department of Regulation and Licensing. As a part of the requirements for a restricted license, an applicant must receive a specified score on an examination administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS). This bill is estimated to have no fiscal impact on the DHS or counties.

Although the requirement for a specific score on the DHS administered examination may increase the number of examinations the Department administers, the Department does not anticipate increased costs. Individuals taking the examination pay a fee that covers the cost of administering the exam.

For individuals employed by DHS who may require a license, the cost of the license would fall upon the individual, not the Department.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications