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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Under current law, a court may permit an interpreter to act by telephone or live audiovisual means in a civil or criminal proceeding, other than trial, on request of any party. 2025 Senate Bill 147 expands the types of civil or criminal proceedings at which a court may permit an interpreter to act by telephone or live audiovisual means, upon request by any party, to include trials.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 modifies the bill to retain current law regarding the authority of a court to permit an interpreter to act by telephone or live audiovisual means in a civil or criminal proceeding, other than trial, on request of any party. It specifies, however, that a court may permit an interpreter to act by telephone or live audiovisual means in a civil or criminal trial, upon request of any party, if all other parties consent.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Wanggaard offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 147 on May 6, 2025. On May 8, 2025, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendment. It then voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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