

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning the commission of a study to determine if additional consumer protections are needed for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind community with respect to sign language interpretation services provided in the state.

Prime Sponsors:

Representative Stewart K.; Joseph
Senator Danielson

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

Significant Appropriation Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/11/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

The reengrossed bill reflects Committee and Floor amendments passed by the House on second reading (03/23/26) that detail the requirements for the consumer protections study produced by the Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee Report (04/23/26) includes amendments to the bill making optional the contacting for study services. Legislative Council Staff and JBC staff agree these amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2026-27.

Points to Consider

Future Fiscal Impact

While the bill does not require an appropriation in FY 2026-27, it will require an appropriation of \$350,000 from the Colorado Division of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Cash Fund in FY 2027-28.