

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 24, 2026
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1109 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 16 through 18 and substitute:

2 (I) INTERVIEWS:
3 (A) WITH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN THE STATE;
4 (B) WITH MEMBERS OF THE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND
5 DEAFBLIND".

6 Page 3, after line 21 insert:

7 (C) WITH LANGUAGE SERVICE COMPANIES;
8 (D) THAT ARE MADE FULLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE INTERVIEWEES,
9 INCLUDING ACCESS TO CERTIFIED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
10 INTERPRETERS. INTERVIEWERS SHALL HAVE PROFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF
11 DEAF CULTURE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE
12 DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND COMMUNITY.
13 (E) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WITH INTERVIEWEES WHO ARE
14 REPRESENTATIVE OF A RANGE OF AGES, RACIAL AND ETHNIC
15 BACKGROUNDS, SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS, RURAL AND URBAN
16 AREAS, CULTURALLY DEAF AND LATE-DEAFENED INDIVIDUALS, AND
17 CONSUMERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE RECEIVING BOTH CERTIFIED AND
18 UNCERTIFIED IN-PERSON AND REMOTE VIDEO SIGN LANGUAGE
19 INTERPRETATION SERVICES;"

20 Page 4, strike line 4 and substitute "PROCESS;

21 (III) INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF THE
22 PROFESSION, INCLUDING ANY CHANGES IN THE PROFESSION OVER THE LAST
23 DECADE; AND".

1 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.

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