

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 23, 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 Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, strike lines 2 through 13 and substitute:

2 "(h) COORDINATING WITH ANY THIRD-PARTY RESEARCHER
3 CONTRACTED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (10) OF THIS
4 SECTION TO STUDY THE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND
5 COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT TO USING SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER
6 SERVICES.

7 (10) (a) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2027, THE BOARD, IN
8 CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION, MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
9 A THIRD-PARTY RESEARCHER TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR THE DEAF, HARD
10 OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT TO USING SIGN
11 LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN THE STATE, WHICH STUDY MAY INCLUDE
12 CONSIDERATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTIONS REGARDING SIGN LANGUAGE
13 INTERPRETER SERVICES. IF THE BOARD ENTERS INTO A CONTRACT WITH A
14 THIRD-PARTY RESEARCHER TO CONDUCT A STUDY, THE THIRD-PARTY
15 RESEARCHER SHALL".

16 Page 4, strike lines 11 through 13 and substitute "HEALTH, SAFETY, OR
17 WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; AND".

18 Page 4, line 14, after the second "THAT" insert "COULD BE INCLUDED IN A
19 FUTURE SUNSET REQUEST THAT".

20 Page 4, line 27, strike "THE" and substitute "ANY".

21 Page 5, line 1, strike "CONDUCTING" and substitute "CONTRACTED TO
22 CONDUCT".

- 1 Page 5, strike lines 2 through 4 and substitute "FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS,
- 2 AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD AND
- 3 THE DIVISION."

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