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HB16-1384

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Danielson

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Bill Status: House Judiciary
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BILL TOPIC: TESTIMONY LEGAL PRIVILEGE CONSENT DISABILITY ADVOCATE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes a legal privilege for certain communications between a disabled person (client) and a disability advocate retained by the client. Under the bill, protected communications must directly relate to providing effective communication support accommodation, as defined in federal law. The advocate must undergo a minimum of eight hours of specialized training per year and may not release protected communications without first obtaining permission from the client.

State Expenditures

To the extent that this bill results in additional motions for the court to determine the purpose of communication between advocates and their clients, workload may increase in the Judicial Department by a minimal amount. No additional appropriations are required for the Judicial Department.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys Human Services Information Technology
Judicial Regulatory Agencies