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Sponsor(s): Senators Fraser, B. Sheldon, Carlson, McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Ensuring the quality and availability of educational interpreters.

SB 5105 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires that, by November 30, 2004, the Washington professional educator standards board shall conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of the following options and make recommendations to the governor, the legislature, the superintendent of public instruction, and the state board of education regarding the following options: (1) Requiring national or state certification for all educational interpreters for deaf students and hard of hearing students;

(2) Designating educational interpreters as an education staff assistant;

(3) Requiring the state board of education to establish competencies for educational interpreters; and

(4) Any other option that the Washington professional educator standards board deems viable to increase and maintain the quality and availability of educational interpreters in a fiscally responsible manner.