

**SHB 1542 - H AMD 279**

By Representative Smith

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 36, strike all material through  
2 "~~(4)~~)" on page 3, line 15, and insert:

3 "(2) In all legal proceedings in which the non-English-speaking  
4 person is a party, or is subpoenaed or summoned by the appointing  
5 authority or is otherwise compelled by the appointing authority to  
6 appear, including criminal proceedings, grand jury proceedings,  
7 coroner's inquests, mental health commitment proceedings, and other  
8 legal proceedings initiated by agencies of government, the cost of  
9 providing the interpreter shall be borne by the governmental body  
10 initiating the legal proceedings.

11 (3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, in other  
12 legal proceedings, the cost of providing the interpreter shall be  
13 borne by the non-English-speaking person unless such person is  
14 indigent according to adopted standards of the body. In such a case  
15 the cost shall be an administrative cost of the governmental body  
16 under the authority of which the legal proceeding is conducted.

17 (b) In any proceeding where a victim of domestic violence, sexual  
18 assault, or stalking is seeking a protection order under chapter 7.90,  
19 10.14, or 26.50 RCW, the cost of providing an interpreter for the  
20 party seeking the order shall be an administrative cost of the  
21 governmental body under the authority of which the legal proceeding is  
22 conducted.

23 (4)"

24 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
25 internal references accordingly.

**EFFECT:** Removes the provisions that require interpreters at public expense in all civil proceedings. Provides instead that interpreters must be provided at public expense only in civil

proceedings where the non-English-speaking person is seeking a protection order as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, or is indigent.

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