

HB 1780-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department of social and health services and the state health care authority to purchase interpreter services on behalf of limited-English speaking applicants and recipients of public assistance.

Authorizes the department of labor and industries to purchase interpreter services for medical and vocational providers authorized to provide services to limited-English speaking injured workers or crime victims.

Requires the department of enterprise services to develop and implement a model that all state agencies must use to procure spoken language interpreter services by purchasing directly from language access providers or through contracts with scheduling and coordinating entities, or both.

Authorizes the department of social and health services, the state health care authority, and the department of labor and industries to procure interpreters through the department of enterprise services if the demand for spoken language interpreters cannot be met through their respective contracts.