

HB 1780 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

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.