

ESSB 5984 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.09
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 In any matter brought pursuant to domestic relations proceedings
6 under this chapter, when a party requests interpretation services or
7 the court has reason to know that the party may require an
8 interpreter on account of limited English proficiency or reliance on
9 sign language due to being deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing, any
10 orders being presented to the court for signature on behalf of that
11 party, or by agreement of the parties, must include a certification
12 from an interpreter that the order has been interpreted to the party
13 in the relevant language. The interpreter appointed for this purpose
14 for a person with limited English proficiency must be an interpreter
15 certified or registered by the administrative office of the courts
16 pursuant to chapter 2.43 RCW or a qualified interpreter registered by
17 the administrative office of the courts in a noncertified language,
18 or where the necessary language is not certified or registered, the
19 interpreter must be qualified by the judicial officer pursuant to
20 chapter 2.43 RCW. In the event the party who is deaf, deaf-blind, or
21 hard of hearing relies on any form of manual communication, the
22 interpreter appointed for this purpose must be an interpreter
23 appointed pursuant to chapter 2.42 RCW. When requested, and upon
24 reasonable advance notice, an interpreter must be provided for
25 limited English proficiency litigants by the court at no cost to the
26 party for this purpose."

27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Modifies sentence structure for clarity.

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