

House Bill 3397

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Legislative Assembly to provide translator services free of charge, in order to facilitate witness participation in hearings or informal meetings with one or more members of Legislative Assembly, or as required by federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Requires that written request be made to Legislative Administrator by specified date before translator services will be provided.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to translator services for legislative proceedings.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly shall provide translator services to interested members of the public that request the translator services.

(2) Translator services that are provided under this section shall be limited to:

(a) Language translation to facilitate witness testimony in legislative committee or sub-committee hearings;

(b) Language translation to facilitate dialog in informal meetings with one or more legislators; or

(c) Sign language or other translator services to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

(3) A member of the public seeking to have translation services provided shall make a written request to the Legislative Administrator:

(a) In interim periods when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, at least one week before the scheduled time of the hearing or other meeting at which translator services are to be provided;

(b) During a legislative session, at least two business days before the scheduled time of the hearing or other meeting at which translator services are to be provided; and

(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, if the translator services consist of sign language or other translator services needed to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, at least three business days before the scheduled time of the hearing or other meeting at which translator services are to be provided.

(4) The Legislative Administrator shall provide the translator services described in this section free of charge.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.