

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB2371

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Joannou

3. **Committee** General Laws

4. **Title** Official language of the Commonwealth

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

Removes a provision that prevents state agencies and local governments from being prohibited from providing any documents, information, literature, or other written materials in any language other than English. (Current language states that, except as provided by law, no agency or local government shall be required to provide documents in languages other than English and that no agency or local government shall be prohibited from providing documents in languages other than English.)

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** The proposed change would have little or no fiscal impact. However, if state statutes, local ordinances, or court decisions were to prohibit state agencies and local governments from providing materials in multiple languages, the effect would be to limit production of government materials in languages other than English.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Affects all state agencies and local governments

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** None

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