

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB24

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Marsh

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Mentally ill persons; interpreters in mental commitment proceedings.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides for an interpreter for a non-English-speaking person who is the subject of or a witness in a mental commitment proceeding.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation would make explicit the authority for a judge or magistrate to use an interpreter in a mental commitment proceeding where a party or witness does not speak or understand English. Since these appointments occur now the expected fiscal impact will be minimal and can be absorbed using existing resources.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Court System

10. Technical amendment necessary: Yes. On line 19, after “for”, delete “criminal charges” and insert “involuntary mental commitments”.

11. Other comments: None

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