

## 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** Passed Both Houses

**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:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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