

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB316

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Locke

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Telecommunications relay service; defines end-user equipment.**

5. Summary: The bill addresses the telecommunications relay service and its funding source. It defines “end-user equipment” as any communications device that enables or assists a person with a disability to communicate through the public-switched telephone network or internet protocol-enabled communications service, and changes the funding source for funds to cover costs associated with the purchase and distribution of end-user equipment from general to nongeneral funds, fed by communications sales and use tax revenue.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>General Fund Dollars</i>	<i>Special Fund Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2010	\$0	\$0	0
2011	\$-434,071	\$434,071	0
2012	\$-434,071	\$434,071	0
2013	\$-434,071	\$434,071	0
2014	\$-434,071	\$434,071	0
2015	\$-434,071	\$434,071	0
2016	\$-434,071	\$434,071	0

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, savings are reflected in SB 30.

8. Fiscal Implications: Fiscal impact is minimal in that the bill supplants general fund dollars used to support the Technology Assistance Program (TAP) at the Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) with nongeneral funds to be generated from the Communication Use and Sales Tax. The bill will not increase the tax but it does modify the distribution. The bill will not increase the number of people receiving services or the type of equipment provided through the Technology Assistance Program. The addition of the “end user-equipment” definition simply codifies current policies and procedures in place at the DDHH since 1988.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DDHH.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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