

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB376

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	___	Substitute	___	Engrossed
Second House	___	In Committee	___	Substitute	___	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marshall, D.W.

**3. Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

**4. Title:** **Driver's licenses; examinations of applicants to be conducted exclusively in English language.**

**5. Summary:** This bill requires that all examinations of applicants for driver's licenses be conducted exclusively in the English language. The use of interpreters in connection with driver's license examinations is prohibited.

**6. No fiscal impact.** Preliminary.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Under the provisions of this legislation, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would no longer provide the driver's license examination in Spanish, the only other language offered. However, no cost savings would be realized by the agency. No annual cost is incurred by DMV to maintain the Knowledge Automated Testing System (KATS), which is utilized to administer the driver's license examination. The maintenance of the KATS system is handled internally by DMV staff. In addition, due to the availability of print tests on demand from KATS, there is no cost to maintain paper examinations in Spanish.

It should also be noted that DMV does not pay for foreign language interpreters, so no cost savings would be realized by the agency if the use of such interpreters is prohibited. Applicants for a driver's license are allowed to bring their own interpreters for the knowledge component of the driver's license examination, but the use of interpreters in the skills (road) test is not permitted.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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