

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB55

House of Origin     Introduced    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House        \_\_\_ In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Lingamfelter

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:**        **English; designating as official language of State.**

**5. Summary:** States that, except as provided by federal law, English is the official language of the Commonwealth, and no state agency or local government shall provide or otherwise assist in providing any documents, information, literature, or other written materials in any language other than English. The bill provides exceptions to this general rule for any documents, information, literature, or other written materials in a language other than English used in connection with foreign language instruction, administration of justice in the courts of the Commonwealth, law-enforcement purposes, or the provision of health care services.

**6. No Fiscal Impact.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Any state agency providing documents, information, literature, or other written materials in any language other than English.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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