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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 726, L.D. 1016, Bill, "An Act to Require That a Translator Be Available to Employees In the Workers' Compensation Process"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§329." in the first paragraph by striking out all of the last underlined sentence (page 1, lines 13 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'To the extent possible, the board shall seek advice from the Department of Labor in locating appropriate interpreters to meet the needs of employees in the workers' compensation system.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Workers' Compensation Board will incur some additional costs to pay for interpreter services when necessary in proceedings before the board. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment directs the Workers' Compensation Board to seek advice in locating interpreters from the Department of Labor, rather than requiring the board to use interpreters employed by the department. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT