
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 667 (Solache) - Professions and vocations: license examinations: interpreters

Version: August 18, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: B., P. & E.D. 8 - 1

Mandate: No

Consultant: Janelle Miyashiro

Bill Summary: AB 667 requires, beginning January 1, 2027, the non-healing arts boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to allow an applicant to use an interpreter when taking the written and oral portions of a license examination if the applicant cannot read, speak, or write in English. AB 667 also requires, beginning, January 1, 2029, each board to annually report on language preference data it collects, as specified.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025**

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown fiscal impact to all non-healing arts boards under DCA to determine and report on whether there is a substantial number of non-English-speaking applicants who require the services of an interpreter. Actual costs to each board may depend on, among other things, the extent this workload may be absorbed within existing administrative activities.
- The Office of Information Services within the DCA reports costs of approximately \$358,000 to update application questions and develop a new report, which is not anticipated to be absorbable within existing resources.

Committee Amendments:

- Replace the definition of “interpreter” for purposes of the bill to mean a person who is fluent in English and in the necessary second language and who can accurately speak, read, and readily interpret the necessary second language, or a person who can accurately sign and read sign language.
- Define “substantial number of non-English-speaking applicants” to mean applicants who either do not speak English or who are unable to effectively communicate in English because it is not their native language, and who comprise 5 percent or more of the total number of applicants.
- Strike requirements for boards to permit an applicant to use an interpreter.
- Require, by July 1, 2027, each board to determine whether there is a substantial number of non-English-speaking applicants who require the services of an interpreter, and report the determinations to the Legislature by January 1, 2028.
- Make other technical and conforming changes.

-- END --