

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

In order to provide assessments in a language other than English, DOE would have to contract with the statewide assessment vendor to translate and develop the assessments. DOE is in the beginning of a process to procure a new contract for the entire statewide assessment system and if implemented this change would be built into the new assessment contract. DOE solicited information from potential vendors on costs to provide assessments in languages other than English. DOE received estimates ranging from \$3.7 million to \$8.5 million and DOE estimates that approximately \$5 million general fund a year beginning in FY26 would be the most likely amount. These estimates are based on the cost to translate all grade 3 through high school statewide test into the two most commonly spoken languages in the Commonwealth other than English. Since this bill requires that assessments be translated into only one additional language, the actual cost could be less than this estimate, however vendors were not able to provide a cost per number of languages at this time. This cost estimate does not include the costs for retakes and annual updates, which could cost additional amounts but are indeterminate at this time. The actual cost would be dependent on the actual assessment vendor chosen and the contract that is negotiated.

DOE also anticipates the need for additional staff time to support the implementation and ongoing review of SOL assessments in languages other than English. DOE anticipates the need for .25 FTE at a total estimated cost of \$47,908 for salary, benefits, and technology. This is based on \$25,500 for salary, \$12,408 for benefits, and \$10,000 for technology and travel costs.

Other: This bill is similar to SB753.