

2016 General Session HB0002 Item 72

The Legislature intends the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) provide to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than January 1, 2017 a report regarding planned activities to explore the assessment of royalties to other parties regarding Utah's interpreter certification materials.

Response –

USOR's Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing twice contacted every state's commissioner/director of programs for the Deaf and Hearing to determine if any had interest in purchasing the Utah Interpreting Exam for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter certification. No other state showed interest. Possible reasons include:

- Many states (28) do not have certification or licensing requirements for ASL interpreters.
- Some states have already developed their own local interpreting assessment systems.
- States with certification or licensing statutes, but without their own exams, typically recognize national exams (which have limitations).
- One state (Texas) already offers its state exam for sale to other states.