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SENATE FILE

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BY KING

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing English as the official language of the
2 state.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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**SENATE FILE 54
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for Senate File 54 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 54 establishes English as the official language of the State of Iowa to be utilized in official proceedings, records, and publications.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The elimination of non-English speaking printed materials will require additional staff to interpret official policies, guidelines, and required forms. An estimated 20.0 FTE positions would need to be added for interpretive skills in the Workforce Development area offices to backup local areas via telecommunications. The cost for Workforce Development to add an additional 20 Workforce Advisors would be as follows: \$887,000 for salaries, \$164,000 for support, \$3,000 for printing, and \$84,000 for outside services.
2. The Division of Latino Affairs would realize a minimum increase of 2.0 FTE positions for the Citizenship/ESL "Train-the-Trainer" Program. This increase would place the Division of Latino Affairs at the same operating level as similar divisions within the Department of Human Rights. If the caseload increase is greater, the Division of Latino Affairs may be required to add an additional 3.0 FTE positions at a cost of \$78,000 annually. This would result in an additional 5.0 FTE positions, costing \$150,000 annually, over the current operating level.
3. A \$250 stipend will be paid to each person who will be trained to start a new Citizenship/ESL Program in their local area.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated impact of Senate File 54 is an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$1.1 million annually and 20.0 FTE positions to the Department of Workforce Development. The Bill would also increase General Fund expenditures to the Division of Latino Affairs of the Department of Human Rights by a minimum of approximately \$92,000 (\$72,000 salaries and benefits and a one-time cost of \$20,000 for trainee stipends). The total increased expenditure to the General Fund would be \$1.2 million in FY 2000 and \$1.1 million each year thereafter.

SOURCES

Civil Rights Commission
Citizen's Aide/ Ombudsman
Department of Education
Department of Human Services
Division of Latino Affairs
Workforce Development

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