



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Expenditures will be reallocated within the 2008 Operating Budget for Public Health-Madison and Dane County. There will be no impact on the tax levy or cost controls.

Title

Amending the 2008 Public Health Operating Budget to increase Public Health Interpreters from 1.0 FTE to 1.3 FTE.

Body

WHEREAS Public Health-Madison and Dane County is experiencing a growing demand for Spanish interpretation,

WHEREAS it has become increasingly difficult to secure sufficient contract interpreters to staff clinics that run into the evening hours,

WHEREAS the 2008 Adopted budget for Public Health-Madison and Dane County includes \$128,231 for contract interpreters,

WHEREAS Public Health-Madison and Dane County has two Spanish-speaking Public Health Interpreters who currently each work 0.5 FTE,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Public Health-Madison and Dane County is authorized to increase the position of Public Health interpreter from a total of 1.0 FTE to 1.3 FTE.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that funds for contract interpretation be reallocated from contract interpretation to permanent salary and benefits and that expenses and revenue be recognized in the following accounts:

UA77-51100-775220-00-0000000-00000000-77551081 Permanent Salary	\$10,456
UA77-52000-775220-00-0000000-00000000-77551081 Benefits	\$3,952
UA77-54963-775000 Contract interpreters	(\$14,408)

Note: The hourly cost of salary and benefits for staff interpretation is marginally higher than the hourly cost of contract interpreters (about four percent higher), but contract interpreters are paid for their travel time to and from their assignments. Public Health-Madison and Dane County has determined that while there is a need for interpreter services at their evening clinics, contract interpreters are frequently not available to work at these clinics. Public Health-Madison and Dane County is legally obligated to have interpretive services available when they are needed. The only available option to have sufficient interpretive services available for these evening clinics is to use staff interpreters. Staff interpreters are currently putting in additional hours to meet this need. This resolution increases the FTE so that the interpreters will also receive benefits for the additional time that they are working.