Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB18-1108 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Page 2, line 4, strike "interpreters" and substitute "auxiliary services providers".

Page 2, line 13, strike "interpreter's" and substitute "interpreter's AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDER'S".

Page 3, line 11, strike "OR DEAFBLIND and cannot" and substitute "and cannot".

Page 3, strike line 12 and substitute "readily hear or understand or communicate in spoken language OR DEAFBLIND and who".

Page 3, line 25, strike "computer-aided" and substitute "computer-aided COMMUNICATION ACCESS".

Page 4, line 7, strike ""Computer-aided" and substitute ""Computer-aided COMMUNICATION ACCESS".

Page 4, line 16, strike "understand" and substitute "understand ACCESS".

Page 6, strike lines 26 and 27 and substitute:

"(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE AUXILIARY SERVICES FOR A PROCEEDING DESCRIBED BY SECTION 13-90-204 (1)(a), (1)(b), OR
Page 7, strike lines 1 through 6.

Page 7, line 7, strike "SERVICE."

Page 9, lines 23 and 24, strike "AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS" and substitute "GOVERNMENT".

Page 10, line 25, strike "COMPUTER-AIDED" and substitute "COMMUNICATION ACCESS".

Page 12, line 7, strike "20/40" and substitute "20/70".

Page 13, strike lines 13 and 14 and substitute:

"(d) One member who is a parent of a deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deafblind person;".

Page 13, strike lines 22 and 23 and substitute "procedures - citizens council - creation. (1) The executive director of the department of human services or his or her THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S designee".

Page 19, line 9, strike "THE".

Page 19, strike lines 10 through 12 and substitute:

"ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AUXILIARY SERVICES TO STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES. THE COMMISSION MAY CONTINUE THE PILOT PROGRAM IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS IF THE COMMISSION HAS ADEQUATE FUNDING TO PROVIDE AUXILIARY SERVICES THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(a) IDENTIFY AT LEAST TWO STATE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2019;

(b) CREATE A PROCESS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES TO REQUEST AUXILIARY SERVICES FROM THE COMMISSION;

(c) COLLECT DATA ON THE UTILIZATION OF AUXILIARY SERVICES THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(d) HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TO EVALUATE THE PILOT PROGRAM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WHETHER TO
EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO ADDITIONAL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES. THE EVALUATION MUST BE BASED ON UTILIZATION DATA FROM THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROGRAM. THE EVALUATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY SECTION 26-21-106 (1)(e).

Page 20, line 12, strike "ESTABLISH AND".

Page 24, strike lines 17 and 18 and substitute "subcommittee COMMITTEE, the executive director of the department shall have final decision-making authority to approve or".

Strike "interpreter" and substitute "interpreter AUXILIARY SERVICES PROVIDER" on: Page 2, lines 8, 11, and 16; and Page 3, lines 1 and 6.

Strike "2 1" and substitute "2" on: Page 8, line 27; and Page 13, line 7.

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