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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 972

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to courts; appropriating money to increase pay and reimbursement to
1.3 interpreters.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. INCREASED PAY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR INTERPRETER
1.6 SERVICES; APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme
1.8 court to increase hourly fees paid to qualified certified and uncertified interpreters who are
1.9 independent contractors and assist persons disabled in communication in legal proceedings.

1.10 (b) \$434,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the supreme
1.11 court to increase reimbursement for the expenses of qualified certified and uncertified
1.12 interpreters who are independent contractors and assist persons disabled in communication
1.13 in legal proceedings. Reimbursable expenses include but are not limited to reimbursement
1.14 for actual mileage traveled and travel time:

- 1.15 (1) from the interpreter's home or office to a legal proceeding; or
1.16 (2) between legal proceedings if the interpreter must travel more than five miles.