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STATEMENT OF CONSIDERATION
Relating to 201 KAR 039:120

Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
(Not Amended After Comments)

- I. The public hearing on 201 KAR 039:120, scheduled for August 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM EST in Room 127 CW, The Mayo-Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 was canceled; however, written comments were received during the public comment period.
- II. The following people submitted written comments:
- | <u>Name and Title</u> | <u>Agency/Organization/Entity/Other</u> |
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| Kimberly Curtis, Interpreter | Other |
- III. The following people from the promulgating administrative body responded to the written comments:
- | <u>Name and Title</u> | <u>Agency/Organization/Entity/Other</u> |
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| Marva Johnson, Chair | Board of Interpreters for DHH |
| Eddie Ryan | Board of Interpreters for DHH |
| Rebecca Kreutzer | Board of Interpreters for DHH |
| Hunter Bryant | Board of Interpreters for DHH |
- IV. Summary of Comments and Responses.
1. Subject Matter: Elimination of Language Relating to Use of Deaf Interpreters.
- (a) Comment: One comment was received expressing concern for a stricken portion of the regulation regarding deaf interpreters. The comment stated without that linguistic opportunity mentioned explicitly in our regulations, there may be negative repercussions, specifically to the community members who benefit from working directly with a deaf interpreter, and whether this change had been discussed in open forum.
- (b) Response: The Board acknowledges this comment but will not amend after comments because the language was stricken to eliminate the restrictions in the former version relating to “regional sign dialects, nonstandard signs, foreign sign languages, and those with emerging language use” as the only basis for the need for a deaf interpreter. This language has been replaced with more inclusive language to allow a licensee not to accept a request for services, or to discontinue services, until an additional deaf or hearing licensee is included in the professional interpreting team when the request for services demands an additional deaf or hearing interpreter.

**Summary of Statement of Consideration and
Action Taken by Promulgating Administrative Body**

The public hearing on this administrative regulation was canceled; however, one (1) written comment was received. The Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing responded to the comment and will not be amending this administrative regulation.