Proposed legislation updates language to clarify legislative intent for the commission, includes trade definitions, and promotes further inclusively within the La Commission for the Deaf. This measure would add a board member to the commission. This position would be held by the executive director of the governors office of disability affairs, or their designee. Board members receive no salary but are reimbursed for travel and expenses incurred during the performance of their duties.

The Department of Health estimates this measure will cost $862 a year between additional travel reimbursement expenses and contracted services for the hard-of-hearing. A Support Service Provider (SSP) to assist everyday activities for quarterly commission meetings costs $20/hr, or $160/day for eight hours of service. These meetings will occur four times a year, for an annual contract total of $640.

Proposed legislation clarifies or rephrases many duties pertaining to the commission, though these language alterations do not materially call for the expansion of the commission’s objectives.