

\$3,000 for that individual for their treatment costs. Someone who is hearing impaired, their treatment costs might run \$5,000 because of the need to hire that interpreter. Is that part of what they would be looking at.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I can't...

SENATOR HALL: And I think that is an appropriate expense, I just want to...

SENATOR CROSBY: ...I can't agree with you on the 2,000 more...

SENATOR HALL: I...that's a...

SENATOR CROSBY: ...or whatever...

SENATOR HALL: ...hypothetical.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...the spread would be, but...

SENATOR HALL: Right.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...yes, I think you are right, that it will take a little more money.

SENATOR HALL: Right, and I support that very much, I just want to make sure that...and thank you very much, Senator Crosby. I want to make sure that that's part of the record that the service to an individual who is hearing impaired could very well likely cost more money, which means we have to appropriate the dollars to follow those individuals to allow them to have the same access to these programs as anyone else. I totally and wholeheartedly support the concept in the bill but want to make sure that it is clear that there is a need on the part of the folks at DPI, as well as the Commission on the Hearing-Impaired, when they draft and adopt rules and regs that they take that into consideration so that appropriate funds follow to those programs, so that when we pass a law on this end, the programs that provide the services don't have to make up for it on the back end because they would then have to absorb additional costs associated with the interpreters and other special needs that might follow this very worthy program. With that, again, I rise in support of the bill and would ask that the motion be withdrawn. Thank you, Madam President.