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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date	<u>1/15/25</u>	<i>Check all that apply:</i>
Bill	<u>HB49</u>	
		Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correct <input type="checkbox"/>
		Amendm <input type="checkbox"/> Substit <input type="checkbox"/>
		Agency
Spons	<u>Cynthia Borrego</u>	Name and
or:		Code
		<u>Department of Cultural</u>
		<u>Affairs (505)</u>
Short	<u>CLOSED</u>	Person Writing
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	0.0		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 49 (HB 49) enacts the Closed Captioning Act, requiring places of public accommodation, including libraries and museums, to provide closed captioning for audio portions of content on television displays. The Attorney General is given authority to enforce with penalty for violation to comply.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None identified.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HB49 requires existing television receivers with close captioning capabilities to have close captioning activated on the receivers.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The definition of closed captioning in Section 2 does not specify which language(s) are required. It is unclear if projected films in a museum theater, such a movie showing would also require closed captioning.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

People with hearing disabilities may encounter inaccessible video content in places of public accommodation, including libraries and museums.

AMENDMENTS

None identified.