**Section 336.180 Interpreters and Translation of Documents**

a) A party whose language of preference is not English, or who will require communication assistance, shall declare his or her language of preference to the ALJ or the Department's legal representative at the pre-hearing conference or at the earliest opportunity. The Department shall provide an interpreter at no cost to the party.

b) At the time of the pre-hearing conference, if the ALJ determines that translation of documents is necessary to the conducting of a full and fair hearing, an order shall be entered directing the Department to translate the relevant documents. All due diligence shall be applied to the Department's translation of relevant documents. A request for translation of documents shall not be considered a delay on the part of the Department or the appellant.

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