



# Restore Access for Hearing-Impaired and ESL Communities

## Access: TVW's Top Priority

Thanks to an enhanced appropriation from the State Legislature, during the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Legislative Sessions, TVW was pleased to offer closed captioning and Spanish translation for all live legislative programming broadcast on the channel.

Adding these services was another step towards achieving one of TVW's Core Values - "To provide every household in the state access to TVW programming" - and support TVW's Mission "to increase civic access and engagement, and foster an informed citizenry."

Unfortunately, funding for closed captioning and Spanish translation was eliminated from TVW's contracted appropriation for the 2009-11 biennium and these services were discontinued in June 2009.



## Restoring CC and Translation: More Services at Less Cost

TVW has developed a plan that would increase the use of closed captioning and offer translation of programming into multiple languages, *all for under \$250,000/year - a 30% savings* .

Plus, these services would be expanded to on ALL programming broadcast on TVW, as well as many of TVW's live legislative webcasts, not just on legislative television programming, as previously implemented.



## More Access for Less

Restore Closed Captioning – increased to **ALL** of TVW programming.

Restore language translation – increased to **ALL** of TVW programming and adding more languages.

Add transcription and video indexing services, enhancing search capabilities.

*Reduce cost by 30% to below \$250K/yr.\**

\*2007-09: \$638,000 2013-15: \$446,000

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