

**Subject** Plain language on driver's knowledge exam

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## Overview

This bill, as proposed to be amended by the H3071DE1 delete-everything amendment, would establish requirements on use of plain language in the written part of the knowledge examination for a driver's license, including to specify language standards, provide for updates, require a legislative report, and make an appropriation from the driver and vehicle services operating account for implementation costs. It is effective July 1, 2024.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Written examination plain language requirements.</b> Sets requirements on use of plain language in the written portion of knowledge exams for a driver's license, including to specify elements for the plain language standards, direct revision activity, authorize contracting with a third-party, and authorize plain language in other Driver and Vehicle Services materials.
2	<b>Report; plain language implementation.</b> Requires a report to the legislature by February 1, 2026, on plain language implementation. Specifies report contents.
3	<b>Appropriation.</b> Appropriates \$212,000 from the driver and vehicle services operating account in fiscal year 2025 for implementation and reporting costs. Makes the funds available through fiscal year 2026.