

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 3/5/02

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Subject					
Assembly task force on telecommunications					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes changes to laws that will enhance DATCP's ability to effectively and efficiently enforce telecommunication regulations. The bill makes clear DATCP's authority to demand records and other information from out of state companies, sets procedures for ensuring telecommunication customers are not billed for services they did not order, and provides for consumer bills that are clear and understandable. The bill also prohibits contracts that purport to make agreements that bypass Wisconsin law.

Telecommunications is the number one category of consumer complaint for the Bureau of Consumer Protection. This bill addresses laws requested by the Bureau to protect consumers and clarify DATCP's authority. The department believes these laws may result in a slight increase in consumer complaints which will be offset by more efficient enforcement actions. The result will be no fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The department does not anticipate any changes in fiscal requirements due to this bill.