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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

LRB 4002/2 would have a fiscal impact on the UW System. However, the exact fiscal impact of the bill cannot be ascertained because it is not possible to determine the number of students who might need to leave the university as a result of being called up for active duty in the armed forces.

During Operation Desert Storm, approximately 446 students withdrew from UW institutions. Based on that number, the fiscal effect of a full reimbursement of tuition alone would be \$1.6 million based on 2001-02 UW-Madison tuition rates. Costs for reimbursement of room, board and other fees would be in addition to tuition reimbursement. In addition, there could be increased costs incurred in identifying these students for special fee adjustments.

However, the legislation proposed here is in alignment with present University of Wisconsin System Administration policies which have been in effect since Operation Desert Storm.

When reservists were called to active duty during the Kosovo war, policies that had been initiated by the University of Wisconsin System during the Gulf war and Desert Storm were once again put into place.

The following policies would again apply to reservists called to active duty in Operation Enduring Freedom:

Tuition and Fees: Students should be given the opportunity to earn his/her grade or a full refund of tuition should be made.

Room and Board: Students should be given a refund for the unused portion of room and board contracts.

In General: Institutions should do everything they can to ensure students are treated fairly and do not suffer an academic set-back because they have been called to active duty.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications