



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DWD 2/17/2009

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 40 makes three changes to the wage claim lien language contained in ss. 109.09(2) WI Stats. It eliminates the \$3,000 cap per employee on first priority of wage claim liens. It also eliminates the requirement that limits the first priority of wage claim liens to wages earned in the six months prior to filing the lien. Lastly the bill clarifies the priority of wage claim liens. AB 40 also grants collective bargaining representatives the authority to file wage claims on behalf of individuals represented by the union.

Passage of AB 40 will not impact the number of cases processed by the department each year. Consequently AB 40 will not have a financial impact upon the department. It will, however, positively impact the department's ability to successfully collect unpaid wages in cases involving employers who file bankruptcy or receivership actions in court.

The department doesn't anticipate that collective bargaining representatives having the ability to file wage claims on behalf of employees will increase the number of unpaid wage claims filed with the department each year.

The one time costs involved with passage of AB 40 will be about \$500 to cover the cost of reprinting copies of the law and informational brochure for distribution to the public.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  The department will incur one time costs of \$500 to reprint copies of Chapter 109 and an informational brochure for distribution to the public that will contain information on the changes made in AB 40.			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0	\$0	
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.0 FTE)	(0.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	0	0	
Local Assistance	0	0	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	0	0	
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR	0	0	
FED	0	0	
PRO/PRS	0	0	
SEG/SEG-S	0	0	
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$0	\$0	
GPR Earned	0	0	
FED	0	0	
PRO/PRS	0	0	
SEG/SEG-S	0	0	
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$0	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$0	\$	
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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