

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 11-3871/1	Introduction Number SB-494	Estimate Type Original
Description Grants for dental students, and loan assistance for dentists, who agree to practice in dental health shortage areas, or to provide services to Medical Assistance recipients, in this state, granting rule-making authority, and making appropriations		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 494 would not have a fiscal impact on the UW System because the funding for the dental grants/loans would be removed from the UW System and transferred to the Higher Educational Aids Board along with the responsibility for managing the program. However, information provided by the Office of Rural Health indicates that the funding being removed is proportionally too high and does not reflect the changing needs for addressing the shortfalls in a variety of health professions that are currently covered. The share of applications for dentists varies significantly from year to year and this change would reduce the ability to address the overall health professions needs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications