Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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LRB Number 13-0111/1	Introduction Number	AB-0045			
Description Preference in state and local government contracts and procurement for materials manufactured in the United States					
Fiscal Effect					
Appropriations Rev		ets - May be possible hin agency's budget No sts			
Local: ☐ No Local Government Costs ☐ Indeterminate ☐ Increase Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory ☐ Decrease Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory ☐ Decrease Revenue ☐ Counties ☐ Others ☐ School ☐ WTCS ☐ Districts ☐ Districts					
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations					
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If enacted, Assembly Bill 45 would require the state to purchase materials which are mined, produced, manufactured, fabricated, or assembled to the greatest extent in the United States even if the award would not be to the lowest bidder. Also, contracts for public works or public improvement projects would need to contain a provision that the contractor will use materials that are manufactured in the United States.

At this time the cost of adding these requirements are indeterminate as there is no easily available source to determine what components of any product are produced in the United States. In addition, the department does not have data on any increased cost of materials if the lowest bidder was not chosen due to the materials not being manufactured in the United States. The additional time required to verify that the bidder is providing only goods manufactured in the United States and to investigate challenges cannot be estimated at this time and it is not known if the additional requirements would generate a need for additional staff or budget authority to administer these procurements.

However, in general the following types of cost increases would occur as the result of this bill:

- 1. The lowest bidder may not be awarded the procurement contract or public improvement contract.
- 2. Increased time to review and monitor all contracts, subcontracts and material specifications to determine if the materials are manufactured or originate in the U.S. at the time of award and throughout the life of the contract.
- 3. Time and cost of public improvement construction projects and architectural & engineering design work to ensure that only U.S. made materials are incorporated in all contracts.
- 4. Time and cost of lengthening the administrative procurement and construction bid process to assess these factors.
- 5. Currently there are in excess of 600 active DOA construction contracts, and 200 DOA enterprise wide procurement contracts.

In addition to the above, Wisconsin is currently a signatory to the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement (WTOGPA). Under this agreement, preferences in favor of the United States must be eliminated from all contracts over a certain monetary threshold. The provisions of this bill could put the State in violation of this agreement, and thereby place the State in jeopardy of monetary sanctions and/or loss of federal funding.

Local government costs are indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.