

### Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>13-3417/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0797</b>
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**Description**  
 County payments to public libraries in adjacent counties and charging certain individuals for the provision of library service

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
  - Yes       No
- Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
  - 1.  Increase Costs       Permissive     Mandatory
  - 2.  Decrease Costs       Permissive     Mandatory
  - 3.  Increase Revenue       Permissive     Mandatory
  - 4.  Decrease Revenue       Permissive     Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties     Others      Libraries
  - School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a county that does not maintain a consolidated public library for the county and that contains residents who are not residents of a municipality that maintains a public library (covered county) must pay to each public library in the county, and to each public library in an adjacent county, an amount that is equal to at least 70 percent of the amount computed by multiplying the number of loans of material made by that library to residents of the county who are not residents of a municipality that maintains a public library by the library's average operational cost per loan (library service payment).

Under this bill, a covered county may opt out of making library service payments to counties that maintain a consolidated public library. To opt out, the covered county must adopt a resolution to that effect and provide a copy of the resolution to each adjacent county that maintains a consolidated public library. Also under this bill, if a covered county opts out of making library service payments, a library in a county that has received an opt-out notice may charge an individual from a covered county for library services and may refuse to provide library services to those individuals who have not paid these charges within 90 days.

State:

The department may see an increase in requests for assistance in understanding or calculating the flow of funding between libraries under this law. The fiscal impact on the department is indeterminate and is expected to be absorbed by existing staff.

Local:

Under this bill a county that does not maintain a consolidated public library for the county (and that contains residents who are not residents of a municipality that maintains a public library (covered county) may opt out of making library service payments to counties that maintain a consolidated public library.

There are eight consolidated public libraries in the state whose billing this would impact – Adams, Brown, Door, Florence, La Crosse, Marathon, Marinette, and Portage. As part of an annual report submitted to the department, libraries report the volume of loans made to residents that do not live in a municipality that maintains a public library. However, the report only has an aggregate number and does not differentiate between municipalities. Thus, the department cannot project the amount of these loans that would be billed to covered counties under current law. It is also unknown how many covered counties will choose to opt out of these payments under this bill. Thus the overall fiscal impact on covered counties is indeterminate.

Under this bill when this opt out occurs, the county that maintains a consolidated public library can then bill the individual users for the amount that would have been billed to the covered county. The number of counties that would choose to bill individual residents is unknown. It is also unknown if the portion of the amount billed to individual residents will be paid by those residents. Finally, it is unknown if counties that maintain consolidated public libraries that choose to bill individual users will cease to offer services to those individual users who do not pay. Thus, the overall fiscal impact on counties that maintain consolidated public libraries is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications