

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 17-2188/1	Introduction Number AB-0346
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Description
 the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and the publication of information about climate change by the Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 5/24/2017

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Description the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and the publication of information about climate change by the Department of Natural Resources					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill is written to:

1. Restore publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine; and
2. Require the Department to publish climate change information in both the Magazine and online.
3. Increases the cost of a conservation patron license by the amount equivalent to the cost of a 1-year subscription to the magazine.

DNR must rely on staff to take time away from their own core work to research and write stories for the magazine. Half of the 228 stories published over the past two years were written by DNR staff. These hours and funding are not covered by subscriptions; the notion that it is a totally self-sustaining publication is not completely accurate.

While the governor proposed elimination of the requirement for the department to publish a magazine in the current biennial budget under consideration, it has not been enacted into law. State statute currently requires the department publish a magazine, the intent of the bill.

Given the current statute and the uncertainty of legislative approval or rejection of the budget proposal at this time, the fiscal estimate of this component of the bill is indeterminate.

The bill requires specific content on the department's website. Making changes to the language used either locally or throughout the website has variable costs associated. As such the fiscal estimate of this component of the bill is indeterminate.

While the governor has proposed proportionally reducing the cost of a conservation patron license by the cost of a magazine subscription in the current biennial budget under consideration, it has not been enacted into law and state statute currently requires the department charge the same amount for a conservation patron license as is proposed in the bill. Given the current statute and the uncertainty of legislative approval or rejection of the budget proposal at this time, the fiscal estimate of this component of the bill is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications