Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under the bill, the assessor shall consider the lease provisions and actual rent associated with a property if the lease provisions and rent are a result of an arms-length transaction. The bill defines real property to include any leases, rights, and privileges pertaining to the property, including assets that cannot be taxed separately but that are inextricably intertwined with the real property. The bill requires real property be assessed at its highest and best use based on the current use or an expected higher use in the immediate future. The bill defines arms-length sale as a sale between a willing buyer and seller, neither being under compulsion and both familiar with the property.

Fiscal Estimate

The fiscal estimate is indeterminate as the department lacks parcel level data on market lease rates and contract lease rates. In Walgreens v. City of Madison, the City of Madison's contract lease based appraisal resulted in property appraisals 54 percent higher than market lease rates used in Walgreen's appraisals. If contract rates result in higher property assessments, the bill will shift a higher portion of the property tax levy to those properties.

The impact on tax increments is indeterminate and dependent upon the location of properties that may be assessed at higher levels as a result of the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications