

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

Subject

Amend 26.11 (7) (a). Increase the cap on the size of the forest fire emergencies appropriation.

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Create New Appropriation
- 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

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| 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 Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory

4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected:
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> Others |
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Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.370 (1) (cs) and (mz)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SUMMARY OF BILL - This legislation would authorize the accumulation of \$1,000,000 within the Forest Fire Emergency appropriations, 20.370 (1) (cs) and (mz). The bill would increase the existing authorization which is provided by statute 26.11 (7) (a).

The 1995 Wisconsin Act 27 created two segregated, continuing appropriations related to forest fire payments: 20.370 (1) (cs) for reimbursements from other states and 20.370 (1) (mz) for reimbursements from federal agencies. Act 27 also created statute 26.11 (7), which describes the lapsing process and authorizes a cap of \$500,000. The objective of the original legislation was to build a balance of up to \$500,000 in these appropriations from the out-of-state fire fighting reimbursements.

Financial reimbursements from the Federal Government and other States for sending Wisconsin fire fighters out-of-state to assist with major fire suppression efforts are the source of revenue for these appropriations. The reimbursement for salary and fringe costs are deposited to the emergency appropriations. This is possible because state funding is available within 20.370 (1) (mu) to fund the salary and fringe for the Department personnel.

These fire emergency appropriations are utilized during severe fire seasons when fire management expenditures exceed available spending authority.

Presently, the appropriations are nearly full with a combined balance of just under \$500,000. When the combined unencumbered balance in the two appropriations exceed \$500,000 at the close of a fiscal year, the excess amount lapses to the Forestry Account of the Conservation Fund.

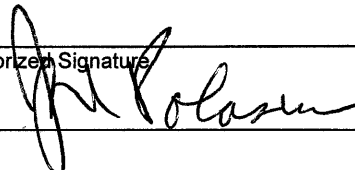
FISCAL IMPACT - The proposed legislation will allow additional revenue to accumulate in the Forest Fire Emergency appropriations. Presently, this additional revenue would be deposited to the Forestry Account. Revenue deposited to the Forest Fire Emergency appropriations may only be used to support emergency forest fire expenditures. Revenue deposited to the Forestry Account may be appropriated for a wide variety of forestry activities, in addition to fire suppression activities.

The opportunity for a larger balance within the Forest Fire Emergency appropriations would help to assure that funding would be available to pay the bills after a major forest fire disaster.

Expanding the maximum amount of funding allowed within the Forest Fire Emergency appropriations will not change the amount of out-of-state forest fire reimbursements and thus, will not change the revenue flow to the State of Wisconsin.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The ability to accumulate up to \$1,000,000 for emergency fire expenditures in a separate appropriation will help to assure that funding would be available to pay the bills associated with a major forest fire emergency. This is an "insurance policy" that would help assure that the Department could finance a major forest fire suppression effort.

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

- All costs associated with out-of-state forest fire fighting efforts are reimbursed to the State of Wisconsin.
- * Reimbursements for base salary and fringe are deposited to the Forest Fire Emergency appropriations until the cap for the appropriations has been reached. Once the cap is reached the residual reimbursements for base salary and fringe are deposited to the Forestry Account.
 - * Reimbursements for all overtime costs are deposited to the Forestry Account.
 - * Reimbursements for operational costs (supplies and services) are allotted back to the expense budgets from which the expenses were paid.
 - * Reimbursements for administrative service costs are deposited to the Department's indirect appropriation.
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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

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LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. SB 444, 99-4259/	Amendment No.
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I. One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

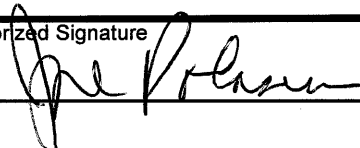
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0	\$0
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$0	\$0

B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
	GPR	
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		

III. State Revenues:	Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	
	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
GPR Taxes	\$0	\$0
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$0	\$0

NET ANNUALIZED IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$0	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$0	\$0

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