



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Subject</b>					
Reestablish public intervenor					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation recreates the Office of Public Intervenor within the Department of Justice. The duties and authority of this office are the same as those that existed prior to 1995 Wisconsin Act 27 which eliminated the office and its board. Under the proposal, the Office of Public Intervenor would intervene, in certain circumstances affecting the environment and public water rights, in both administrative and court proceedings.

The bill, as drafted, increases the Department's Attorney position authority by 2.0 FTE Attorney positions, but provides no increase in appropriations to fund them.

The Department estimates that an annual increase of \$241,400 will be required to fund 2.0 FTE Attorney positions to restore the Office of Public Intervenor. Additional support staff may be required, but are not included in this estimate.

With some statutory changes to this bill providing DOJ with cost recovery authority, the Department anticipates that restoration of the Office of Public Intervenor could be accomplished without requiring any additional GPR spending.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications