## Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

2001 Wisconsin Act 74 amended Chapter 460 expanding the authority of the Educational Approval Board (EAB)to qualify individuals for certification by the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) as massage therapists or bodyworkers.

This bill eliminates any role for the EAB in certifying individuals as massage therapists. The EAB would continue to advise DRL on whether the schools attended by applicants met standards to qualify students for the Massage Therapy profession.

Prior to Act 74, the EAB only approved schools and education programs-- not the qualifications of individual applicants for certification as Massage Therapists or Bodyworkers.

Upon enactment of Act 74, the EAB worked cooperatively with DRL to implement the law.

Because of the interagency cooperation with DRL, the EAB has never certified individual applicants under the provision established in Act 74 and no revenues have ever been generated. Therefore, the changes proposed in the bill will have no fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications