

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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LRB Number 05-3798/2	Introduction Number AB-844	Estimate Type Original
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the health insurance risk-sharing plan (HIRSP) offers health insurance coverage to individuals with adverse medical histories and to others who cannot obtain affordable health coverage from the private sector. HIRSP is funded by three sources: premiums paid by participants (60%), assessments paid by insurance companies doing business in Wisconsin (20%) and a pro rata reduction in billed charges of health care providers (20%).

The bill would create a credit for a percentage of HIRSP assessments paid by insurance companies that would apply to the income and franchise tax and to the insurance premium fees imposed by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI). The Department of Revenue, in consultation with OCI, would determine the percentage of the HIRSP assessments paid by insurance companies that would be used to arrive at the amount of the credit. The amount of credit awarded to all claimants must be as close to \$5 million per year as is practicable. The amount of credits awarded for taxable years 2006 and 2007 could not be claimed until taxable year 2008.

The actual fiscal effect of the bill is uncertain since it would depend upon the income and franchise tax and insurance premium fee liabilities of the insurance companies claiming the credit. If the full amount of the 2006, 2007 and 2008 credits were used to offset tax liability and OCI fees in 2008, the bill could lower revenues by \$15 million. If the full amount of credits in later years were used to offset tax liabilities and OCI fees, the credit would reduce state revenues by \$5 million per year.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): The bill would have a one-time fiscal effect of up to \$10 million in taxable year 2008, as credits awarded in 2006 and 2007 are first eligible to be claimed.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	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	\$	\$-5,000,000
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$-5,000,000
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-5,000,000	\$
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