

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>07-3585/2</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0806</b>
<b>Description</b> An official state language, use of English for governmental written expression, and requiring state agencies and local governmental units to provide separate line items for the costs of documents and other materials that are not in English	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If enacted, AB-806 provides that the official language of the State of Wisconsin is English. The bill requires that all written expression by units of state and local government be in English, except where the use of another language is deemed appropriate to the circumstances or the implementation of a specific program. AB-806 requires state agencies to maintain a separate appropriation line in their state operations appropriation to account for all costs associated with the preparation, translation, printing and recording of documents and materials in languages other than English. The bill also requires local units of government to maintain a separate appropriation in their budgets to account for all costs associated with the preparation, translation, printing and recording of documents and materials in languages other than English.

The state fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminate. The cost associated with adding an appropriation line to state agency appropriations to account for these expenses would be negligible. The cost for the procedural and accounting changes that would have to be undertaken to account for the above referenced expenses differently is unknown. Some state agencies may have a much larger volume of this type of activity than others and the process change could have a greater fiscal impact on those agencies.

The local fiscal effect is similar to the state fiscal effect. The bill requires local units of government to create new appropriations within their unique accounting structures and to change their accounting processes. Dependent upon the amount and type of the recording and printing of non-English materials that they handle, the fiscal effect could vary greatly between municipalities.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.