

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 3/20/2007

LRB Number	07-1231/2	Introduction Number	SB-072	Estimate Type	Original
Description Ratification of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes Wisconsin a member state of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. It provides for four Wisconsin members of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission. One is the Governor's designee, two legislators (one from Senate, one from Assembly) and one private sector member appointed by the Governor.

The members are to serve without compensation but are required to be reimbursed for their "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties."

The bill provides that Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) shall pay the cost of membership in and costs associated with the Compact as well as the "actual and necessary expenses" of the members that they incur in the performance of their duties.

Among other things, the overall Commission under the Compact is authorized to assess dues, establish an office and hire staff, contract for or provide services, conduct research and establish committees.

Each member state is to pay the Commission an equal apportionment of these indeterminate costs. This bill provides that all of Wisconsin's portion of the costs shall be paid from the Wisconsin DOT's departmental management and operations appropriation under Wis. Stat. 20.395(4)(aq). The annual appropriation amounts in the schedule are not increased to cover these indeterminate costs.

Informal correspondence from the existing Commission indicates initial entry dues are \$15,000 for state fiscal year 2008 and that it would reimburse Wisconsin's Commission members from member state dues payments. However, this bill does not contain such a limitation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Continuing membership would require WisDOT payment of annual dues to cover the costs of the Commission's operations that may include an office, staff, contracts, research, committees and there may be separate claims for direct reimbursement by WisDOT for the Wisconsin Commissioners' actual and necessary expenses.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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 Supplemental

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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 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 (20.395(4)(aq))			
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	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$\$15,000 + indetermin.		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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