

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-0171/1	Introduction Number	AB-0088	Estimate Type	Original
Description Allowing electric utilities and retail electric cooperatives to include energy derived from garbage and certain waste in satisfying renewable portfolio standards					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would change what is considered a burnable material under the existing definitions of Biomass by expanding the definition to include garbage and forms of industrial waste. It would allow the energy generated from burning these items to be counted toward meeting the renewable portfolio standard.

Currently there are a small number of plants burning biomass products in Wisconsin. Presumably, these existing plants may switch products to include the materials defined in the bill if it becomes law. The PSC does not have any data of any kind to complete a local government cost analysis on the positive/negative fiscal impacts of this bill, if indeed there are any.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Undetermined