

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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LRB Number 09-4615/1	Introduction Number SB-680	Estimate Type Original
Description Requiring that certain rail passenger service extension projects be enumerated by the legislature		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

It is unclear how this proposed legislation may impact current projects. Depending on that, the fiscal impact could range from nothing to several million dollars.

The limitation to the Madison - Milwaukee corridor would suggest a zero impact, since much of the work described has already been completed or will have already been encumbered by the time this bill would pass. In addition, the Madison - Milwaukee project has already been approved the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance under authority and process of 2009 Wisconsin Act 2.

It is unclear how this provision would impact the longer Milwaukee - Twin Cities, MN corridor, since that corridor would include "any corridor between the cities of Milwaukee and Madison."

Fiscal impacts of this proposal would be on near-term projects as the delay of the enumeration process would increase costs for both the state and local governments which would be sharing in the cost and/or would have stations.

There would be little impact on projects in the future as the requirement could be incorporated into project development.

Also, upon completion of the current project between Madison and Milwaukee, it is very unlikely that a project of at least \$100 million will occur in the corridor.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See above.