

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-1358/1	Introduction Number	AB-0090	Estimate Type	Original
Description Entrepreneurial tax credit access grants, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 90 allows the Department of Commerce to award a grant to a person who wishes to secure financing to make expenditures that would qualify for tax credits under the Economic Development Tax Credit, Technology Zones Credit, Dairy and Livestock Farm Investment Credit, Dairy Manufacturing Facility Investment Credit, Meat Processing Facility Investment Credit, Woody Biomass Harvesting and Processing Credit, and the Food Processing Plant and Food Warehouse Investment Credit programs.

The person is eligible to receive a grant if the expenditures are made for a business located in this state that has fewer than 25 employees in this state or less than \$5 million in gross receipts. The grants may be awarded from the Wisconsin Development Fund, Rural Economic Development Program, Forward Innovation Fund, and the Wisconsin Development Fund Repayments appropriations. Commerce may award up to \$8 million annually.

This bill will have a minimal fiscal effect on the Department. No new funding is appropriated, and the program will fall as an eligible activity under the current appropriations mentioned above. The bill will most likely result in an increase in applications, but the Department should be able to absorb the increased workload within current resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications