

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 306	Senate Amendment 1
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## **2015 SENATE BILL 306**

Under current law, a county board may, in conjunction with a county board of one or more other counties, establish a multiple county health department. Any participating county board may withdraw from participating in the multiple county health department by giving written notice to its county board of health and the county boards of all other participating counties.

Also under current law, the multiple county health department must prepare annually a budget of its proposed expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. It must also determine the proportionate cost to each county on the basis of equalized valuation.

Senate Bill 306 (the bill) makes the following changes to current law:

- Authorizes a multiple county health department to establish a minimum participation period of up to five years. If a multiple county health department is established with an initial minimum period, a participating county may not withdraw during that initial minimum period unless withdrawal is necessary to meet statutory requirements for a Level I health department.
- Amends how a multiple county health department determines the proportionate cost to each county. Under the bill, the proportionate levy contribution must be determined on a per capita basis.

## **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 amends to how a multiple county health department must determine the proportionate cost to each county. Under Senate Amendment 1, a multiple

county health department must either determine the proportionate cost to each participating county based upon either equalized valuation (as authorized under current law) or determine the proportionate levy contribution from each county on a per capita basis.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Duey Stroebel offered Senate Amendment 1 on October 21, 2015. On October 22, 2015, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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