

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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 Supplemental

LRB Number 17-0529/2	Introduction Number AB-0130
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Description
 Authorizing a political subdivision to restrict the placement of certain mobile cell towers

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
 - Increase Existing Revenues
 - Decrease Existing Revenues
 - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
 - Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Commission has adjudicatory authority over disputes between providers and municipalities over restrictions on siting of utility facilities in public rights of way under Wis. Stats. ss. 96.58 and 182.017. The Commission staff only occasionally receives questions involving such disputes. Staff generally acts as an informal mediator in most cases, and very few such disputes ever require formal Commission action. AB 130 would allow municipalities to forbid the placement of "mobile service support structures" in or near low-density residential areas. This could restrict the placement of towers designed for cellular service and for the multiuse towers which support both cellular and broadband data services. Wisconsin Stats. s. 66.0404 (k) points to the federal definition of mobile service, which would include cellular voice and data, but not fixed wireless broadband or Wi-Fi. Fixed wireless and Wi-Fi are increasingly being used to provide broadband in suburban and rural areas. Modern poles and towers are designed to support a variety of facilities, and antennae that support mobile digital services are physically similar to fixed broadband and other non-mobile services. As a result, AB 130 may result in some support structures intended only to support broadband facilities being affected by this change.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

not applicable