

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-4189/1	Introduction Number AB-0747	
Description rent abatement for tenants and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs </div> </div>		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts </div> </div>		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to promulgate rulemaking to specify items that a tenant may be entitled for rent abatement and the amount of abatement a tenant would be entitled to for each item.

Landlords and tenants regularly contact DATCP for information about Wisconsin statutes and how a law impacts the way they do business. In 2016, DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection was contacted by 6,868 consumers regarding landlord-tenant issues.

After rule promulgation, DATCP would need to update its printed materials and conduct additional outreach to educate the public about the changes. DATCP also anticipates an increase in the number of contacts from consumers after the changes to statute and development of rules.

The activities outlined above, including rulemaking, would be handled by existing staff. Since the bill does not include penalties or enforcement authority, the agency would not require additional staff or resources to handle consumer complaints or investigations.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None anticipated.