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## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to allow claims for unemployment insurance benefits to be filed by telephone.

The US Department of Labor requires state unemployment programs to provide to citizens an alternative means of claim and benefit filing for any person who cannot utilize the primary method (or methods) offered by the state program.

In the first week of 2018, 95.7% of all initial claims and 99% of all weekly claims filed in Wisconsin were completed using the primary (online) filing method.

In Wisconsin, two alternative means are offered: 1) The ability to file initial and weekly claims via telephone; 2) The ability to file weekly claims via the US Postal Service. Consistent with the federal requirements noted above, the department already permits use of telephone as an alternative method of filing. Therefore, under the provisions of this bill the department estimates there would be no fiscal impact on either technology, infrastructure, or operations.

## **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**