

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original
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LRB Number 19-5378/1	Introduction Number AB-0835
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Description
 creating a legislative office of inspector general and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

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	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	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 <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 3/10/2020

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a non-partisan, legislative service agency known as the "Legislative Office of Inspector General," consisting of 14 inspectors general and their staff. Under this bill, the inspectors general and their staff would be assigned and housed at the headquarters of certain state agencies, including the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), and the state agencies would be required to provide them with office space and pay for their services.

This bill does not change WisDOT's Office of the Inspector General that was created by Governor Scott Walker with Executive Order #255 on September 21, 2017. Currently, the Office of the Inspector General is funded by the WisDOT operating budget and comprised of the Inspector General and two additional staff members.

This bill indicates that the additional costs incurred by the inspectors general and their staff would be offset by the cost savings found within the WisDOT operating budget as part of their job performance, WisDOT nevertheless calculates a significant increase in budgetary costs.

Considering WisDOT is one of the largest state agencies, this estimate assumes that one inspector general and two additional staff members would be assigned to WisDOT through this bill. The salary and benefits calculations for these positions are reflective of the current state employees in WisDOT's Office of the Inspector General.

The salary and benefits range for an inspector general position is between \$126,542.63 and \$208,813.44 dollars. Furthermore, for additional staff to work with the inspector general, the salary and benefits range is between \$100,425.87 and \$179,017.41 dollars. Based on salary and benefit averages of current employees in WisDOT's Office of the Inspector General, this estimate projects the total fiscal cost for an inspector general and additional staff would be \$141,742.22 and \$129,679.06 dollars for each position respectively depending on qualifications.

Additionally, providing office support for the staff assigned to WisDOT in this bill would cost an additional \$4,898.38 per person based on fiscal year 2020 budget information. The office support cost includes a chair, computer equipment and information technology (IT) support, and access to other office supplies.

Therefore, the total cost of the potentially three new positions added to WisDOT under this bill would be \$415,795.48 dollars. This figure is the required minimum amount in savings necessary to offset the costs of these positions.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

There are some long-term fiscal impacts on WisDOT due to the policy implications of this bill.

In addition to the salary and benefits costs for the inspector general and additional staff positions, there is the added cost on WisDOT for providing office space to all state employees located at their city of Madison headquarters. This cost increases by two and a half percent each fiscal year, so this additional expense would need to be properly accounted for in every operating budget moving forward depending on the number of positions added to WisDOT. Also, these new positions would be eligible for the two percent general wage increase adjustment on January 1, 2021 that was included in the 2019-2021 biennial budget.