## Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if an employer of a tipped employee establishes in payroll records that, when adding the tips received by the employee to the wages paid to the employee, the tipped employee receives not less than the applicable minimum wage (generally \$7.25 per hour), then the minimum wage rate for the tipped employee is \$2.33 per hour.

This bill creates a sales tax retention program allowing an employer of a tipped employee to retain the state sales taxes the employer collects during any reporting period if the employer establishes, by the employer's payroll records, that at least 5 percent of the wages the employer pays to the tipped employee is derived from tips and that the employer pays the tipped employee not less than the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, excluding tips.

The bill provides a sequence of monetary penalties paid to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue if the employer retains the taxes for any period for which the employer cannot establish the criteria in the sales retention program.

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Equal Rights Division does not anticipate a significant workload increase in additional minimum wage complaints as a result of this legislation. There would be one-time costs to revise education materials and publications. These costs are absorbable within the agency's operating budget. As written, the bill does not specify DWD's role in the sales tax retention program. Therefore, any departmental resources or costs associated with the administration of that program are indeterminate at this time.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**