

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 19-3900/1	Introduction Number SB-540
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Description
 payments to certain state veterans organizations

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase 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"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.485(2)(vw)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, three Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, request reimbursement for performing claims assistance services to Wisconsin Veterans. It should also be noted that the Military Order of the Purple heart will no longer be submitting for reimbursement, however, a new request for funding will likely be submitted from the Disable American Veteran's (DAV) organization. Increasing the amount of funding a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) is eligible to receive in reimbursement for salaries and travel will increase the expenditures for the Department. The funding for this program is allocated from the Veterans Trust Fund (VTF) and any increase in spending will have a negative affect on VTF funding which is currently funded by General Program Revenue (GPR). Based on current estimates with the new applicant, it appears that in the first year of the bill the Department would incur increased spending of approximately \$150,000. Future fiscal year estimates, however, anticipate expenditures above the \$150,000. The current spending authority for appropriation 20.485(2)(vw) is \$348,000. Based on past spending (approximately \$210,000) and the additional costs associated with the bill, The Department would be able to absorb the estimated increase in the first year but would need additional funding in future years to meet its obligations. Also, as mentioned above any increase would have a negative affect on the VTF.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications