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Recommendations:

no action necessary

Paper No. 135: Alternative 1

Comments: The games are mostly supported by private money, and LFB does not give any reasoning as to why the governor proposes an increase of funding over last year's level. However, all the Democratic staffers in the pre-meeting indicated support for Alt. 1. Seems fine to go with the flow here, but any of the other alternatives would be fine too.

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Joint Committee on Finance

Paper #135

Badger State Games (DOA -- General Agency Provisions)

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CURRENT LAW

Base level funding of \$25,000 GPR annually is available to provide financial assistance to the Badger State Games.

GOVERNOR

Provide an additional \$25,000 GPR annually in financial assistance to the Badger State Games.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The Badger State Games (BSG) is an annual summer and winter amateur sporting event open to Wisconsin residents. The games began in 1985 and consist of both regional and statewide Olympic-style competition. Over 21,000 athletes competed in the last Summer Games and approximately 5,400 athletes competed in the last Winter Games. The Badger State Games is governed by the Wisconsin Amateur Sports Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation.

2. Table 1 identifies state support provided to the Games since 1987-88, when funding for this purpose was first established.

TABLE 1

State Support for the Badger State Games

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>GPR Support</u>
1987-88	\$35,000
1988-89	0
1989-90	0
1990-91	115,000
1991-92	50,000
1992-93	0
1993-94	50,000
1994-95	50,000
1995-96	50,000
1996-97	50,000
1997-98	25,000
1998-99	25,000
1999-00 (Gov.)	50,000
2000-01 (Gov.)	50,000

3. The Governor proposes providing \$50,000 GPR annually for assistance to the Badger State Games. This amount is double the amount provided in the last biennium but equal to the amounts provided from 1993-94 thru 1996-97.

4. The budget for both the summer and winter games that take place in FY 1999-00 (February and June of 2000) is approximately \$1,300,000. The estimated budget for the following year is the same. Badger State Games officials indicate that about 57% of total funding is generated from corporate sponsors, 33% from athlete total participation fees (an average of \$14 per participant), and 10% from other sources such the state grant, non-state grants and merchandise sales. The \$50,000 grant level proposed by the Governor would represent approximately 4% of the proposed budget for the 2000 Games. According to BSG officials, the state grant is not earmarked directly to any activity but helps keep participant fees lower.

5. Since the Games are almost entirely supported by private contributions and participant fees, the question could be raised as to why the state should be increasing GPR support for the sporting event. It could be argued that if additional funding is needed by the Games, additional private contributions should be solicited and/or participant fees should be increased. Taking this line of reasoning a little further, one could argue that the Games have matured over time and that the state should phase out the current state grant or eliminate the funding outright.

6. On the other hand, it could be argued that some state funding for the Badger State Games is appropriate since the Games provide good public relations for the state, promote sporting

competition and health and the provision of some state contribution to the Games provides a significant indication of state government support for the Games. Badger State Games officials also indicate that the regional locales for the games provide economic benefits to the communities where the games are held.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to increase the financial assistance to the Badger State Games by \$50,000 GPR

2. Maintain current law.

Alternative 2	GPR
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$50,000

3. Maintain the current level of funding for 1999-00 but provide no funding in 2000-01 and repeal the appropriation on July 1, 2000.

Alternative 3	GPR
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$75,000

4. Repeal the appropriation effective upon passage of the budget and do not provide any funding in the 1999-01 biennium.

Alternative 4	GPR
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$100,000

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*no action
Act 1 approved*

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BURKE	Y	N	A
DECKER	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	N	A
MOORE	Y	N	A
PLACHE	Y	N	A
WIRCH	Y	N	A
COWLES	Y	N	A
PANZER	Y	N	A
GARD	Y	N	A
PORTER	Y	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	N	A
ALBERS	Y	N	A
DUFF	Y	N	A
WARD	Y	N	A
HUBER	Y	N	A
RILEY	Y	N	A

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