

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
COMM 3/13/02

LRB Number 01-3932/3	Introduction Number AB-874	Estimate Type Original
Subject Licensing of electricians		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 874 indicates several requirements regarding electrical installation, certification and inspection.

The Department currently administers several statutory requirements regarding electrical certification, installation and inspection. S. 101.82 (3m), Stats., requires the Department to provide commercial building and farm electrical construction inspection in municipalities that do not provide it. S. 101.87, Stats., requires the Department to promulgate rules for the voluntary certification of electricians and electrical contractors.

AB 874 requires certification of individuals that perform electrical construction, individuals who act as electrical contractors, and individuals who act as electrical inspectors. The bill would result in a net increase of 11,423 electrical-related certifications to be processed by the Department. The Department estimates this would result in 1,900 additional hours of certification-related workload, or 1.0 FTE position.

AB 874 would also increase the demand for electrical inspection from the Department because the bill requires inspector certification of electrical installations prior to the provision of electric service. The Department estimates that 1,500 electrical construction projects would occur in municipalities that do not provide for electrical construction inspection. The Department anticipates two inspections per project, each inspection requiring 2.5 hours. This will result in 7,500 hours of inspection workload. The Department projects that 1,500 hours would also be devoted to the provision of electrical education and 3,800 hours to electrical consultation. This results in 12,800 hours of workload, or 8.0 FTE. The Department currently has 3.0 FTE electrical consultants. Therefore, this bill would result in the need for an additional 5.0 FTE electrical consultant positions.

The increased costs resulting from AB 874 would be funded by the fees collected as a result on AB 874.

The fiscal impact of this legislation on municipalities is not determinable. The bill may potentially result in an increase in the number of inspections provided by municipalities because the bill requires inspector certification of electrical installation prior to the provision of service. Currently, if no inspector is available, the contractor can provide this certification. An increase in inspections may result in more certified commercial electrical inspectors. These inspectors are employed by municipalities and provide commercial building electrical inspection in municipalities. Also, if municipalities administer licensing programs, requiring state certification may result in duplicate electrical licensing programs. Also, the bill would require UDC-related inspections in municipalities that have opted out the UDC enforcement per s. 101.651, Stats.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$342,671	
(FTE Position Changes)		(6.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs		134,000	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$476,671	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS		476,671	
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$476,671	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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