

**Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session**

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LRB Number - 0987/1	Amendment Number if Applicable
Bill Number S. 23      (SB-23)	Administrative Rule Number

**Subject**

Operation and costs of municipal cable television systems.

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

- Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb within agency's budget.  
 Yes       No  
 Decrease Costs

Local:  No Local Government Costs

1.  Increase Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
2.  Decrease Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
3.  Increase Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
4.  Decrease Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEG-S

**Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations**

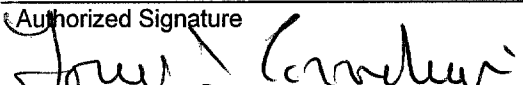
**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

There are two provisions to this bill that may have a fiscal effect on municipalities.

1. The municipality will be required to prepare and maintain records on franchise fees, pole rentals and all other expenses a non-municipal cable television operator would incur. This provision will increase administrative costs for municipalities that operate cable television systems. However, this increase is likely to be minimal. Any increase will depend on the status of the existing record-keeping system and the extent of the changes that are needed to comply with the provision.

2. The second part of the bill prohibits the municipality from passing on the costs of a cable television system to nonsubscribers, with specific exemptions that include the cost of public, educational, and governmental access channels and debt service on bonds issued under s. 66.0619. This provision is not likely to have a fiscal effect on municipalities based on the following assumptions: a municipality will only enter the cable television market after a positive profit and loss analysis for the cable television system; revenues from subscribers will be sufficient to bear normal cable television system expenses; cable television system debt will be undertaken by the municipality only if feasible in light of the existing debt structure of the municipality.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

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## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet — 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
A. State Costs by Category	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations — Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	( FTE )	( - FTE )
State Operations — Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
<b>Total State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
State Revenues	Increased Revenue	Decreased Revenue
Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG S		-
<b>Total State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

### Net Annualized Fiscal Impact

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Net Change in Costs	\$ _____	\$ See fiscal estimate
Net Change in Revenues	\$ _____	\$ 0

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