



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
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LRB Number	<b>03-1481/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-54</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b>					
Operation and costs of municipal cable television systems					

**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**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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