Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates an individual income tax exemption for military pay by a member of a reserve component of the armed forces when the person is on active duty.

As of March 2003, 3,980 members of the Wisconsin reserves and National Guard have been mobilized. In addition, all reservists and National Guard members receive active duty pay for the annual required two-week training period. Based on annual payroll data from 2002, adjusted by the growth in wages and salaries from 2002 to 2003, the annual payroll for active duty for 2003 is estimated at \$36.7 million. This amount includes \$12.2 million pay in training pay.

Income received by reservists who are on active duty and serving in a combat zone is excluded from income for federal and state tax purposes. Therefore, this bill would apply to active reservists who do not serve in a combat zone. The number of Wisconsin reservists mobilized to serve in a combat zone is unknown.

Assuming an effective marginal tax rate of 5.5%, if the total active duty payroll for reservists and National Guard members, estimated at \$36.7 million, qualified for this exemption, the revenue loss from this bill would be \$2 million (\$36.7 million x 0.055). However, to the extent that a substantial number of reservists are serving in a combat zone, this revenue loss would be less.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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