

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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Subject

Require fairs that test livestock for drugs to charge exhibitors a fee for testing

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.115(3)(a)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The fiscal impact on local and state government is indeterminate.

Fairs and livestock exhibitions are operated by county governments, fair associations, the Wisconsin State Fair Park, World Dairy Expo Inc. and the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association. Fairs determine their own rules on drug testing. The term livestock exhibition is not clearly defined. The department does not have information on the numbers of exhibitors of livestock subject to drug testing. The department believes that drug testing of certain categories of animals is done at county and district fairs, the state fair, and four junior livestock shows by the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association. Drug testing is also done on horses at horse pull contests. Whether horse pull contests would be considered livestock exhibitions is unclear.

There are 76 county and district fairs. Of these, approximately 12 are operated by county governments, and the remainder are operated by fair associations. The department believes that drug testing is done at the county and district fairs on the Champions and Junior Champions in the categories of beef cattle, lambs, and hogs. The department does not have information on the numbers of exhibitors of these categories of animals at county and district fairs. The Rock County fair has approximately 860 beef cattle, lambs and hogs exhibited each year. Some exhibitors have more than one animal exhibited. The Rock County fair is one of the largest of the county and district fairs. The number of exhibitors and number of animals exhibited varies widely between different fairs.

There is drug testing of horses at horse pull contests. The department does not have information on the numbers of horse pulls, horses entered in horse pulls, or numbers tested for drugs.

The Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab no longer does drug testing. Drug testing is done by several out of state laboratories. The costs of drug tests varies widely, depending on the types of tests. An initial screening test is available for approximately \$35 per test. If the initial screen yields positive results, then additional tests may be done. The additional tests can cost hundreds of dollars per animal tested.

The fiscal impact on local government and state government cannot be accurately estimated. For counties that operate fairs and the State Fair Park, there would be increased costs and revenues. Any costs of setting fees, collecting fees, tracking and documenting fee collection, reporting fee collection and monitoring appropriate use of the fees would depend on the numbers of exhibitions, categories of animals subject to testing, numbers of exhibitors, and types and numbers of tests. The fiscal impact on state government for monitoring and enforcing the requirements would depend on some of these same factors.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications