

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHFS 6/23/2003

LRB Number	03-2552/1	Introduction Number	AB-401	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Tribal administration of rehabilitation reviews under caregiver background check law					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes the following changes to the caregiver background check statutes.

1. Definition of Reservation and Trust Land. This bill amends the definition of "reservation" by deleting the reference to the Bureau of Indian Affairs service area for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The bill also defines "trust land" as land in Wisconsin held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of a tribe or a member of a tribe. The bill then replaces references to "reservation" with references to "reservation or trust land."

2. Tribal Rehabilitation Reviews. This bill would allow tribes to request from DHFS authority to conduct rehabilitation reviews for some entities located in the tribe's reservation. Under current law, a tribe may only request authority to conduct reviews for all entities within the reservation or trust land. In addition, the bill would allow a tribe to request authority to conduct reviews for entities that the tribe owns or operates outside the reservation or tribal land.

This bill could increase the number of plans submitted by tribes to conduct rehabilitation reviews and could increase or decrease the number of rehabilitation reviews conducted by the Department. However, it is estimated that the change in volume will be small and that, therefore, this bill will have no significant fiscal effect on the Department or on local governments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications