



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

CTS 3/14/2005

LRB Number	05-0780/2	Introduction Number	AB-130	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Subject</b>					
Collection of fines and forfeitures by counties					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows counties to keep 40% of certain state fines and forfeitures not collected in the first 120 days after they are imposed, with two limitations: (a) it only applies if the county employs collection staff who work for more than one county; and (b) it will only remain in force for a two-year period after the new law takes effect.

For the fines and forfeitures covered by the bill, primarily criminal fines and non-traffic forfeitures, the county treasurer currently pays 90% to the state and retains 10% for the county as an administrative fee. The bill does not apply to state forfeitures, fines and penalties collected under chs. 341 to 347, 349 and 351 of the statutes (traffic statutes).

For the fiscal year July 2003 through June 2004, the amount collected from the fines and forfeitures covered by this bill was \$9,865,416; the counties retained \$986,542 and paid \$8,878,874 to the state. Under Article X, Section 2 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the state's proceeds from these fines and forfeitures are paid into the common school fund.

This bill could result in revenue loss for the state and an equal revenue gain for the counties. Assuming all collections had been subject to the conditions of this bill, that is, they were not collected in the first 120 days and the county employed collection staff that work for more than one county, then the state's share of the fines and forfeitures would be \$5,919,249, a decrease in revenue to the state of \$2,959,625. The counties' revenues would be increased by a like amount.

It is impossible to predict the exact fiscal impact of this bill because it can vary depending on how many counties employ collection staff who work for more than one county and on what portion of fines and forfeitures are collected within the first 120 days of being imposed. There is no reliable data available to estimate what percentage of these fines and forfeitures are collected in the 120 days after imposition. We are not aware of any counties that currently meet the requirements of this bill by employing collection staff who work for more than one county.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

LRB Number <b>05-0780/2</b>		Introduction Number <b>AB-130</b>	
<b>Subject</b>			
Collection of fines and forfeitures by counties			
<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<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		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$Indeterminate	\$Indeterminate
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	
CTS/ Nancy Rottier (608) 267-9733		Nancy Rottier (608) 267-9733	
		<b>Date</b>	
		3/11/2005	