Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Executive Budget and Finance

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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Fiscal Effect

State:
☐ No State Fiscal Effect
☒ Indeterminate

☒ Increase Existing Appropriations
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriations
☐ Create New Appropriations

☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Revenues

☒ Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
    ☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ Decrease Costs

Local:
☐ No Local Government Costs
☒ Indeterminate

1. ☒ Increase Costs
   ☐ Permissive ☒ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs
   ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

3. ☐ Increase Revenue
   ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenue
   ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
   ☒ Towns ☒ Village ☒ Cities
   ☒ Counties ☒ Others All
   ☒ School Districts ☒ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**
☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS	

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 503 creates Chapter 770 in the Wisconsin Statutes. Section 770.20 would extend to domestic partnerships the application of any statute or rule that applies to a married person, relationship or document without formally amending those statutes and rules. Chapter 770 would create interpretive issues that OCI would be required to resolve. OCI has no estimate of what issues it may encounter or the costs to resolve those issues.

OCI does not collect information regarding the health care benefits offered by local goverments to spouses, dependents, or domestic partners. Therefore, OCI is unable to determine the fiscal effect on local goverments except that those local governments who are currently not offering domestic partner benefits would see an increase in costs as a result of mandatory coverage. The same would be true for other insurance benefits, such as life, disability, or long term care insurance benefits that may or may not be offered by local governments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications