

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 1/24/2006

LRB Number 05s0471/2	Introduction Number ASA1-AB912	Estimate Type Supplemental
Description Allowing individuals to restrict release of credit reports and granting rule-making authority		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department to administer the law which allows an individual to prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing the individual's consumer report for any purpose related to the extension of credit without the individual's prior authorization.

The bill would require DATCP to promulgate rules specifying what constitutes proper identification. The rules must be consistent with any requirements under federal credit reporting law pertaining to proper identification.

Currently the Department provides information to Wisconsin consumers who are victims of identity theft on placing a credit report freeze. This bill would make a credit report freeze available to any Wisconsin consumer who is eligible for extensions of credit, potentially 4.1 million citizens.

It is assumed that based on the increased concern over identity theft that a majority of Wisconsin consumers would place a credit report freeze on their information. It is also assumed that at least 5% of those consumers would contact the Department for information and 2% will file complaints. This would result in formal written complaints that require mediation. The Department estimates an additional workload of 4000 hours to administer the law.

Based on these assumptions the Department estimates 2.0 FTE Consumer Protection Investigators will be necessary for administration of this law.

Finally the Department estimates an increase in workload for two-years as a result of the rule development, however it is believed these one-time costs can be absorbed.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): One time costs (for 2 FTEs), office setup, computer, telephone service, supplies = \$20,000.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$99,400	
(FTE Position Changes)		(2.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs		25,000	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$124,400	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		124,400	
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$124,400	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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