

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Property tax exemption for restaurant kitchen equipment					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill exempts machinery and equipment used primarily in the operation of a restaurant's kitchen to prepare or serve food or beverages, regardless of whether the machinery or equipment is attached to real property.

The Wisconsin Restaurant Association forecasts Wisconsin restaurant sales at about \$6.1 billion in 2005. According to the University of Wisconsin Extension's restaurant industry sales ratios, property taxes average about 1% of annual restaurant sales. Thus, Wisconsin restaurants' total property taxes are estimated at \$61 million (\$6.1 billion x 1%).

Property owners report personal property by "furniture, fixtures, and equipment" (FFE) which is about 7% of total property taxes. Assuming 2/3 of the value of FFE reported by restaurants is kitchen machinery and equipment, about \$2.8 million (\$61 million x 7% x 2/3) of restaurant kitchen machinery and equipment would be exempted under the bill. Thus, the bill would shift about \$2.8 million in property taxes from owners of restaurant machinery and equipment to other owners of taxable property.

Based on the 2003/04 statewide average net effective property tax rate of \$20.01 per \$1,000 of full value, the bill would exempt restaurant machinery and equipment valued at approximately \$142 million (\$2.8 million/0.02001) statewide. Thus, state forestry taxes would decrease by about \$28,000 (\$142 million x 0.0002) per year.

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):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
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			-28,000
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$-28,000
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-28,000	\$
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