



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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<b>Subject</b> Placement of persons in county of residence under ch. 980		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, a person who has been committed to the custody of the Department of Health and Family Services [DHFS] as a sexually violent person may, in certain circumstances, be placed on supervised release. DHFS must make its best effort to arrange for housing in a residential facility or dwelling in the offender's county of resident.

This bill eliminates the requirement that DHFS locate and provide housing in the offender's county of residence and instead requires the DHFS to locate and provide housing in whichever of Wisconsin's 72 counties can best meet the offender's treatment and service needs, while still limiting the number of sex offenders within close proximity to each other.

DHFS is responsible for the costs of locating and providing housing, supervision and treatment of offenders released to, and supervised by, the Department of Corrections [DOC] under Ch. 980 and 975, although DOC may assist DHFS in locating suitable housing.

Since DHFS is responsible for all costs associated with locating housing, the Department of Corrections does not anticipate any increase in DOC costs from this bill.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**