



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current Wisconsin law, taxpayers are allowed to donate to any of six charitable funds listed in their individual income tax returns. The designated donation amount either increases the payment due at the time the return is filed or decreases the amount that is refunded to the taxpayer.

Under this bill, a new charitable check-off would be created for the Military Family Relief Fund. The total donations, less the cost of administering the check-off, are to be used to provide financial aid to the immediate family of members of the national guard or reservists who are serving in active duty in the U.S. armed forces.

Historical data show that the introduction of a new check-off is generally associated with an increase in total donations and a decrease in donations to previously existing check-offs. For example, the Breast Cancer Research check-off was added to individual income tax forms in 2004 and raised \$330,000. Donations to previously existing funds decreased by \$150,000. In tax year 2005, the Veterans Trust Fund check-off was added to individual income tax forms and raised \$130,000. Donations to the other check-off funds decreased during that year by \$110,000.

The extent to which individual charities raise money depends on their popularity and both the number and substitutability of existing charities. Although the effect of the Military Family Relief check-off is not known, it is expected that a portion of its donations will come from new donors and a portion will be the result of taxpayers substituting donations from other check-off charities.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<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	\$SeeText	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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