

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	07-0117/3	Introduction Number	SB-333	Estimate Type	Original
Description Increasing appropriations for nanoscience positions and equipment at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and Chippewa Valley Technical College					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides additional state GPR funds for the nanotechnology program operated by the Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) district, which has its primary campus in Eau Claire. CVTC is 1 of Wisconsin's 16 local technical college districts. Specifically, the bill would increase the appropriation under s. 20.292(1)(a), Wis. Stats., by \$1,113,400 in fiscal year (FY) 2007-08 and by \$333,400 in FY 2008-09.

However, to ensure these funds are available exclusively to CVTC, a new appropriation should be created for two reasons. First, GPR funds currently appropriated under s. 20.292(1)(a), Wis. Stats., the appropriation identified in the bill, must be used solely for state operations.

Second, GPR funds appropriated under s. 20.292(1)(d), Wis. Stats., from which the Wisconsin Technical College System Board distributes most state aid to individual technical college districts, is distributed based on a formula prescribed in s. 38.28, Wis. Stats.

Because these and other existing appropriations under s. 20.292, Wis. Stats., would not allow the Wisconsin Technical College System Board to readily pass through to CVTC the amounts identified, it is recommended that a new appropriation be created under the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications