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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If passed, AB 464 would require employers to give employees who are volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical technicians time off from work to respond to emergency calls. The portion of the bill that applies to the Department of Workforce Development prohibits employers from discriminating against these employees who volunteer their services for these purposes, and allows these employees to file complaints under Wisconsin's Fair Employment Law.

The department estimates there are about 21,000 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians in the state, and that each year, the department estimates it will receive no more than two complaints per year concerning potential violations of the Fair Employment Law based upon discrimination against these volunteers. Investigating these cases would involve about 28 hours total time each year. The department can absorb this increased workload.

The department recognizes that if employees are permitted to leave their jobs in the middle of a work shift, in some instances the employer will need to have another employee fill in for the missing employee, which might incur overtime pay. It is not possible to estimate how frequently those instances would occur, and thus the department is listing the impact of this legislation on local governments as indeterminate.

Passage of this legislation will require the department to modify its various publications concerning the Fair Employment Law to publicize that discrimination against volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians based on their participation as volunteers is prohibited. The department estimates the one-time cost of these modifications at \$2,000.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 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): Passage of this legislation will require the department to update its publications on the Fair Employment Law to list this new protected activity. The department estimates it will incur about \$2,000 in costs to replace those publications.		
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$0	\$0
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.0 FTE)	(0.0 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	0	0
Local Assistance	0	0
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	0	0
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$0	\$0
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	0	0
FED	0	0
PRO/PRS	0	0
SEG/SEG-S	0	0
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	\$0	\$0
GPR Earned	0	0
FED	0	0
PRO/PRS	0	0
SEG/SEG-S	0	0
TOTAL State Revenues	\$0	\$0
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$0	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$0	\$
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