

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Registration of livestock premises					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill's fiscal impact is indeterminate. The bill will not have immediate fiscal implications for the state, however, the bill may affect federal funding for the state's premises ID program and affect costs during a disease outbreak.

First, Wisconsin is currently considered a national leader in premises registration and animal trace back capability. This recognition is based on Wisconsin's mandatory premises registration law and facilitates continued funding by the USDA for Wisconsin's program. Wisconsin currently receives approximately \$1.2 million per year in federal funding for premises ID. This funding supports the Wisconsin premises registration database, website, outreach and education activities. Federal funding also supports those who voluntarily apply RFID tags to their animals and who participate in projects to develop quick and efficient ID reading mechanisms. Without a mandatory state premises registration program, federal funding would be endangered.

Currently, all premises registration activities in Wisconsin are funded by federal funds. If federal funding is lost, any voluntary premises registration program would need to be supported by state funds. State funding would be needed for staff to enter data into USDA's premises registration database, maintain a website for entities to register and maintain accounts online, and do public outreach and education. These activities are currently done by 3.0 FTE federally-funded positions.

Second, unless premises registration is mandatory in Wisconsin, the premises ID database would not yield time and money savings during a disease outbreak. Immediate notices would only be sent to those that are premises registered, areas would be need to be blanketed and door to door canvassing completed. Without a reliable mandatory premises database, these activities will take longer, and the disease may spread further, than it would have with mandatory premises registration. The further the spread of disease, the higher the cost of containment and greater the cost to the livestock industry.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications