



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>09-2185/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-092</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Preparation and legislative consideration of a biennial budget bill; making all meetings of the Joint Committee on Finance relating to the biennial budget bill available in real time for viewing by the public on the legislature's Internet Web site; and reporting of certain information by lobbying principals					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This estimate is limited to the fiscal effect of this bill on the Legislative Technology Services Bureau. The bill identifies two new services that would be made available by the Legislative Technology Services Bureau:

- 1) real-time video coverage of all meetings of the committee relating to executive budget bills will be available for viewing by the public on the legislature's Internet web site, and
- 2) all documents before the committee at each meeting will be available for viewing by the public on the legislature's Internet web site.

This fiscal estimate makes the assumption that the intent is to provide real-time video coverage from the Wisconsin State Capitol only.

The Legislative Technology Services Bureau would not need to increase its staff to provide either of these new services. In order to provide real-time video coverage of committee meetings related to the executive budgets, the Legislative Technology Services Bureau would incur approximately \$35,000 in one-time expenses for equipment and software. There would be no new costs associated with publishing all documents before the specified committee on the legislature's Internet web site. However, there would be some required business process and staffing changes.

The Legislative Technology Services Bureau purchases Internet service from the Department of Administration. Depending on the level of public consumption of the real-time video the Legislative Technology Services Bureau may need to purchase more bandwidth from the Department of Administration. An estimate for the increase in cost of such an upgrade is \$36,000 a year, based on published DOA broadband connectivity rates.

Both of the identified expenses would be funded within the existing expenditure authority of the Legislative Documents 104 appropriation.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications