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Eliminating authorization to create a regional transit authority, dissolving any existing regional transit authority and the Southeast Wisconsin transit capital assistance program

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill eliminates the Southeast Wisconsin Transit Capital Assistance Program, and removes the \$100,000,000 in bonding authority for the Southeast Wisconsin Transit Capital Assistance Program.

The bill eliminates Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SERTA). The bill prohibits SERTA from enacting a car rental transaction fee. SERTA does not currently impose such a fee.

To the extent they are created, all three RTAs are dissolved by the bill. The bill eliminates the authority for the Dane County Regional Transit Authority (RTA), the Chippeway Valley RTA and the Chequamegon Bay RTA to impose a sales and use tax. None of the RTAs currently impose such a tax.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The bill eliminates a potential source of local match for federal transit aid to municipal public transit systems operating within the boundaries of the 3 RTAs.

Bonding authority is required for the state share of capital funds to build the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) commuter rail line. Elimination of the vehicle rental fee eliminates the source of the local share of capital funds. Without these funding souces, the KRM line will likely not be built.

The elimination of the Chequamegon Bay, Chippewa Valley and Dane County RTAs will leave these areas without a feasible entity to apply for state and federal transit funding assistance for transit projects encompassing the boundaries of the RTAs.