



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-3905/1	Introduction Number	SB-418	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Authorizing the creation of regional transit authorities and making appropriations					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

1. This bill is permissive and would allow any two or more municipalities or counties (political subdivisions) to join together to form a Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") if certain conditions are met (e.g., approved by referendum). In the case of Milwaukee County, it may create an RTA if the Milwaukee County Board adopts a resolution and certain conditions are met (e.g., approved by referendum). RTAs may impose a sales and use tax not to exceed 0.5%. However, such tax must first be adopted by the RTAs board by resolution that is, in turn, approved by referendum.
2. Should a sales and use tax be adopted through referendum, the local RTA may decide to shift some of the costs of the existing transit service currently funded by local property tax dollars, to this revenue source. The extent to which this may occur is unknown and dependent upon local RTA.
3. There are no additional costs imposed by WisDOT under this legislation.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

1. This legislation has an indeterminate effect on the demand for transit operating assistance. This is dependent on the decisions made by each local RTA governing board.