

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

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LRB Number 11-2637/2	Introduction Number AB-0351	
Description Discontinuance of the printing and publication of the Wisconsin Blue Book		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.505(1)(kL); 20.505(1)(kb)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 351 would end the compilation, publication and distribution of the Wisconsin Blue Book. The Department of Administration works with the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) on several aspects of the publication and distribution of the Blue Book.

DOA's Bureau of Procurement writes the bid for printing the Blue Books and prepares the contract as part of its enterprise wide responsibility for printing. Removing that responsibility would not have an impact on staffing levels or other costs to the Department of Administration. The cost of printing the Blue Book is paid by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The Department's Document Sales Section stores, sells and distributes the Wisconsin Blue Book. The books are received from the LRB, sold, and revenue from the sales is returned to the Department of Administration's GPR-Earned appropriation, less the Department's handling charge. In FY10 \$1,224 was deposited into the GPR Earned appropriation and in FY09 \$910 was deposited. The Department estimates that handling, shipping and storage charges for the 2009-10 Blue Books in FY10 and FY11 totaled approximately \$9,295. Charges for storage of all Blue Books in inventory was \$680 in FY10 and \$474 in FY11. The Department does not believe there is a significant enough workload associated with storing or selling the Blue Book to impact staffing levels if that workload was removed.

DOA's Division of Publishing and Distribution handles mailing for Blue Books which falls into two categories. First, a large mailing pursuant to s. 35.84, which occurs every two years and second, smaller intermittent mailings that may or may not be possible to identify as Blue Book mailings. Postage in FY10 for mailing that could be attributed to the Blue Books totaled \$18,017 and in FY11 totaled \$154. The majority of the mailing activity occurs once every two years. The Department does not believe there is a significant enough workload associated with mailing the Blue Book to impact staffing levels if that workload was removed.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Indeterminate.