



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 8/20/2013

LRB Number	<b>13-2450/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-219</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Maintenance and removal of vegetation obstructing the view of outdoor advertising signs along highways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Wisconsin Statute Sec. 84.305, maintenance and removal of vegetation obstructing the view of outdoor advertising signs, became law in 2006. At that time, the initial fiscal impact from this legislation was estimated to be an increase of \$60,000 in costs to WisDOT. The costs incurred were to be recovered by permit fees charged to applicants. In 2011, when AB 216 was proposed, administrative costs were estimated to be \$90,000.

The proposed legislation modifies 84.305, Stats., and retains the overall application process and fees. Under this bill, WisDOT will be compensated \$140 for each tree removed that has a diameter of four inches or more, adjusted annually for inflation. Based on past history and this bill's allowance for cross-vista cutting, the department estimates that at least 1,000 trees will be cut each year. The department will use the replacement fees collected to replace highway functional needs, such as drift prevention and headlight screening.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

In FY2012 the total staff resources dedicated to the administrative effort was calculated to be over \$90,000 per year (including fringe benefits). This dollar figure does not include the associated expenses/mileage for field trips to review permits. The provision to require a certified arborist to determine the number of qualifying trees is anticipated to reduce administrative expenses. The anticipated staff expenses will be approximately \$62,000 per year.

The department collects an average of just over \$6,000 per year in fees (\$250 each). Thus, the department will spend at least \$56,000 more per year on administrative costs than it is collecting in permit fees under the proposed law.

In addition, the department may have to use agency funding to cover additional landscaping needs should there be a loss of highway functionality as a result of the loss of vegetation.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2013 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$62,000	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$62,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S (365 Highway Maint.)	62,000	
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$62,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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