

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the refundable Wisconsin earned income tax credit (EITC) may be claimed in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the federal EITC (4% if the claimant has one qualifying child, 11% if the claimant has two qualifying children, and 34% if the claimant has three or more qualifying children). To be eligible for the Wisconsin EITC, an individual must have the same principal place of abode as the claimant. Because the state credit is equal to a percentage of the federal credit, eligible claimants must also have a federal credit.

Under this bill, an individual may claim the Wisconsin EITC even if, with regard to the child about whom the claim is made, the child does not have the same principal place of abode as the claimant and even if another person claims the federal and Wisconsin credits for that child, provided that the claimant meets a statutory definition of "parent" with respect to that child and provided that the claimant is subject to and in compliance with a child support order with respect to that child.

Though the bill expands the pool of eligible state EITC claimants, the newly eligible claimants would not be eligible for a credit under federal law. As such, the state credit would also be zero (computed as 4%, 11%, or 34% of zero). As written, the bill does not affect the state EITC.

In order to affect the state EITC, the bill would need to allow state EITC claimants to base their credits on a percentage of the federal credits that they would have received, absent the federal restrictions related to allowing only one person to claim the EITC for a qualifying child and requiring that claimants share the same principal place of abode with a qualifying child.

For illustrative purposes, if the above issue was addressed, a fiscal estimate of the EITC expansion could be calculated as follows. According to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, there were about 310,000 Wisconsin cases with support orders in fiscal year 2012. It is not known how many individuals would qualify for the EITC expansion under this bill, though approximately 9% of individual tax returns claimed the state EITC in 2012 and data from the Institute for Research on Poverty indicate that approximately 44% of child support orders are paid in full. If 4% (9% x 44%) of the 310,000 individuals were in compliance with their child support orders and were otherwise eligible for the EITC, this bill could expand the EITC to 12,400 new claimants. The average state EITC in 2012 was \$376, so 12,400 new claimants could increase the credit amount by approximately \$4.7 million annually beginning in fiscal year 2015.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2013 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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

NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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