

Fiscal Estimate - 2013 Session

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LRB Number 13-4122/1	Introduction Number SB-538
Description Requiring racial impact statements for bills that create a new crime, modify an existing crime, or modify the penalty for an existing crime	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" 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	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The following fiscal estimate is limited to the fiscal effect of Senate Bill 538 on the Wisconsin Legislative Council, which provides staffing support to the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties.

Senate Bill 538 requires the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties ("the Joint Review Committee") to prepare a racial impact statement on any bill that creates a new crime, modifies an existing crime, or modifies the penalty for an existing crime. Racial impact statements must include the following information: (a) an estimate of the number of criminal cases per year that the bill will affect; (b) the impact on members of racial minority groups; (c) the effect on operations of correctional institutions; and (d) any other matter the Joint Review Committee considers appropriate. The bill allows the Joint Review Committee to obtain the assistance of other state agencies in preparing its racial impact statements.

Senate Bill 538 also requires the Joint Review Committee to issue a finding as to whether the bill has a disparate impact on members of racial minority groups. If the bill is determined to have such a disparate impact, the author of the bill must take certain actions.

The Legislative Council, as staff to the Joint Review Committee, will likely prepare the required racial impact statements at the direction of the committee. The Legislative Council will confer with other state agencies, including the Department of Corrections and the State Court System, to compile required information. However, the number of impact statements that must be prepared and the time required is unknown and will vary from one legislative session to another. During the current session, 79 bills have been introduced that would require a racial impact statement because the bills create a new crime or revise an existing penalty. The Legislative Council will prepare the impact statements and absorb related costs within its present budget, to the extent possible.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications