



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-1402/1	Introduction Number	SB-608	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Elimination of the requirement that the governor approve a proposed rule that was considered at the joint annual spring fish and wildlife rule hearing of the Department of Natural Resources and county meeting of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and limitation of the scope of the requirement that an economic impact analysis be prepared for such a proposed rule					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would change the rule-making process for proposed administrative rules considered at the joint annual spring fish and wildlife rule hearing of the Department of Natural Resources and county meeting of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

The bill would exempt such rules from the requirement to get Governor's approval of scope statements and final rules. Instead, such rules would face a 30-day passive approval process by the Natural Resources Board. The bill would also exempt such rules from preparation of an economic impact statement, except on petition from the public, for rules with over \$20 million in annual costs. The bill would also slightly revise content requirements for economic impact statements for such rules.

### Fiscal Effect

The bill would reduce staff time requirements by a negligible amount--fewer than 30 hours per year. Assuming an average wage of \$45 per hour including fringe benefits, it translates to less than \$1,350 per year.

The Department normally prepares two omnibus board orders for the spring hearings, every other year; one each for fish and wildlife.

The bill's changes to the gubernatorial and board approval processes would save staff under 10 hours per year.

Similarly, the proposed exemption from an economic impact statement would save under 20 hours per year of staff time. Fish and wildlife rules usually have minimal economic impact, requiring less detailed analysis. Furthermore, current procedures for state agency rules incorporate the economic impact statement into the fiscal estimate, which would still be required under the bill. For consistency and clarity, the Department would consider including an economic impact statement for proposed spring hearing rules, even if no longer required.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications