

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-3757/1	Introduction Number AB-0717
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Description
 Authority of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents regarding agricultural land

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations
 Decrease Existing Revenues

 Yes No
 Create New Appropriations

 Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase 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
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the authority of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System regarding agricultural land. The bill allows the Board of Regents to sell, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire agricultural land without the approval of the Building Commission. The bill eliminates the references to the specified tract of land and allows the Board of Regents to sell, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire agricultural land used by the UW-Madison regardless of the land's location for the purpose of agricultural instruction and research.

The bill also allows the Board of Regents to exchange part or all of any parcel of agricultural land used by the UW-Madison for any other land of approximately equal value and like kind if the exchange is for the purpose described above. The Board of Regents must determine that the exchange contributes to the consolidation of a block of land, enhances the conservation of agricultural lands, or is otherwise in the public interest.

The bill requires the net proceeds of sales, leases, exchanges, purchases, or other acquisitions of agricultural land be deposited into a nonlapsible fund. This fund must be used to purchase additional land as allowed under the bill or to erect facilities for research and instruction in animal husbandry, agricultural engineering, or agricultural and life sciences at the UW-Madison. The fund may only be used upon the consent and recommendation of the Board of Regents and with authorization from the building Commission if the fund is used to erect facilities. Building Commission authorization is not required to use the fund for the purchase of land.

The bill exempts agricultural land of the Board of Regents that is used for the purposes described above from the Building Commission and the Department of Administration's authority to sell or lease state-owned real property. Finally, the bill removes the requirement of Building Commission approval for UW System's acceptance of gifts, grants, or bequests of real property with a value of more than \$150,000 if the real property is acquired for the purpose of agricultural instruction and research.

In order to determine the potential fiscal impact of this legislation internal discussions and research was performed. Currently, staff at UW-System and at UW-Madison manages real property for the university. Therefore, there would not need to be any additional staff hired to take on this responsibility. In fact, the bill will reduce the workload of current staff because they will no longer have to file paperwork with the State Building Commission or the Department of Administration.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

This bill will help streamline the process for selling, leasing, purchasing or otherwise acquiring agricultural land. It will result in a quicker process while still ensuring a full review process is observed. It may also make it easier for UW System to accept gifts, grants, or bequests of real property that will be used for agricultural instruction and research in the future.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2015 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	\$0	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$0	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	0	
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	\$0	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$0	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$0	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$0	\$
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