

### Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number <b>15-2532/2</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0816</b>
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**Description**  
 Marriage between persons of the same sex and extending parentage rights to married couples of the same sex

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		

**Local:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
		<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

<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<input 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

DCF 2/10/2016

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

In order to recognize same-sex marriage, this bill replaces every current reference in the state statutes to "husband" or "wife" with gender neutral "spouse." The bill provides married persons of the same sex the same rights and responsibilities that married persons of the opposite sex have under current law. The bill also provides a definition of "spouse" as a person who is legally married to another person of the same or opposite sex.

The bill also recognizes legal parentage for same-sex couples under certain circumstances. The bill makes references to same-sex spouses jointly adopting a child and becoming the legal parents of the child and a same-sex spouse of a person who is the parent of a minor child may adopt the child and become the legal parent of his or her spouse's child. The bill specifies ways in which married couples of the same sex may be the legal parents of a child, and makes current references in the statutes to "mother" and "father," gender neutral.

The bill allows the spouse of a same-sex couple to consent to the artificial insemination of her spouse and is the natural parent of the child conceived. The bill expands paternity presumption so that a person is presumed to be the natural parent of a child if he or she was married to the child's mother when the child was conceived or born or married to the child's mother after the child was born but had a relationship with the mother when the child was conceived and no other individual is presumed to be the father. The bill defines "natural parent" as a parent of a child who is not an adoptive parent, whether the parent is biologically related to the child or not.

The Department anticipates there may be a cost to remove "husband" or "wife" and replace with "spouse" on DCF forms; however, the fiscal effect is unknown.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications