



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number  | 15-4419/1 | Introduction Number | AB-0822 | Estimate Type | Original |
| <b>Description</b><br>Income limits and award limits for contaminated well grants |           |                     |         |               |          |

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill increases the limits on family income and grant awards under the well compensation grant program. More specifically, it increases the family income limit to \$90,000 and increases the grant award limit to 75 percent of \$16,000, which means that a grant under the bill may not exceed \$12,000. The bill also increases the amount of annual family income that triggers a reduction of an award to \$65,000. The bill does not change the amount of funding authorized for the program in s. 20.370 (6)(cr), Wis. Stats.

The proposed statutory changes are likely to increase the number of landowners eligible for financial assistance, the number of grant applications submitted when circumstances warrant, and the number of landowners eligible for additional funding in the form of "economic hardship". This would all result in an ongoing increase in staff workload associated with the review and evaluation of grant application—assessment, program reconciliation, grant tracking, payment reconciliation, reporting, etc.

The Department cannot predict the number of additional grant applications, the complexity of each applicant's financial need or how complex each well situation might be as a result of the proposed statutory changes. Therefore, it characterizes the fiscal impact of the bill as indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications