

### Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>15-2621/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0913</b>
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**Description**  
 Creating a program for reimbursing the higher education debt of small farm operators, creating an individual income tax deduction for certain amounts received from such a program, granting rule-making authority, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
 Increase Existing Appropriations       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriations       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriations

Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
 Yes       No  
 Decrease Costs

**Local:**

No Local Government Costs  
 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
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<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>
<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

UWS 2/24/2016

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

#### Introduction

This bill establishes a program for reimbursing individuals for their higher education debt, if they operate a small farm.

#### Analysis

To be eligible for this program, the individual must have graduated from an accredited public or nonprofit institution with an associate's or baccalaureate degree, or have completed the Farm and Industry Short Course (FISC) offered by the University of Wisconsin (UW) System. The individual must operate a small farm and apply for the reimbursement within five years of graduating with the requisite degree or completing the short course. The individual must also intend to operate the farm for at least five years after applying for the reimbursement. Only one person is eligible from each small farm.

This program would be primarily administered by the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB). HEAB will create an application process, consider applications, and provide the awards to individuals.

The role of UW will be limited to verifying information on an application that the individual provides to HEAB. Specifically, an institution will have to confirm whether an applicant graduated with an Associate or Bachelor's degree from their institution or whether they completed FISC.

Given the limited population of individuals eligible for this award, UW institutions will likely be able to absorb the cost associated with verifying whether a student graduated from their institution or took the FISC.

The bill appropriates \$60,000 in 2016-17 and increases up to \$300,000 in 2020-21. Assuming that each individual receives a \$1,000 award, this bill would only affect 60-300 individuals. Verifying the attendance of 60-300 students could be done at little cost and be absorbed by the UW System.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications