

### Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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  Supplemental

<b>LRB Number</b> <b>19-3505/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-566</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:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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**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	<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <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 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 11/25/2019**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Senate Bill 566 changes terminology throughout the Wisconsin State Statutes to make references to spouses gender neutral, in accordance with the decision by the United States Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges, which recognizes that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.

The primary Department of Children and Families programs impacted by the bill include child welfare (including adoption) governed by the Children's Code under Chapter 48, as well as establishing paternity and child support orders in family court under Chapter 767.

Overall, the fiscal effect of language in the bill making spousal references gender neutral is indeterminate. It is unknown at this time the degree to which current department information technology systems (e.g., eWISACWIS and KIDS), forms, and other materials used in program administration would need to be changed as a result of the bill. The department will be more likely to be able to absorb costs associated with changing forms or other program materials. The degree to which the department will be able to absorb costs relating to information technology systems changes will depend on the number of hours required in each system to change references for spouses to be gender neutral.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**