

### Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>19-5274/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-709</b>
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**Description**  
creating an office of water policy and making an appropriation

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input checked="" 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	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"/> <u>0</u> <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 2/3/2020**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The bill would create an Office of Water Policy that would be attached to the UW System and housed within the WI Geological and Natural History Survey of the Division of Extension of UW-Madison. Its purpose would be to coordinate efforts to manage, conserve, protect, and enhance the productivity of the state's water resources for domestic, municipal, commercial, agricultural, industrial, recreational, and other private and public uses.

The office would be required to engage in specified analytical and evaluative activities, act as a liaison to the Blue Accounting initiative of the commission created by the Great Lakes basin compact, and submit a biennial report to the governor and the legislature on its activities.

The office would be authorized to provide technical assistance to local governments.

The bill would require state agencies to cooperate and assist the office as requested.

The bill would require the governor to appoint a director and the joint committee on legislative organization to concur. The bill would create specific duties for the director spelled out in statute.

The bill would create a new appropriation at the UW System and fund \$150,000 in fiscal year 2020-21.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Ongoing costs for salary and fringe would be a minimum of \$124,400.