

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-4145/2	Introduction Number	AB-0508	Estimate Type	Original
Description repairs to the Ray Nitschke Memorial Bridge, funding for the University of Wisconsin System, special education funding, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill transfers \$1.2 million from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund [appropriation §20.395 (2)(eq), Wis. Stats.] and appropriates the amount in the Local Bridge Improvement Program [appropriation §20.395 (2)(eq), Wis. Stats.] for repairs to the Ray Nitschke Memorial Bridge (the "project") in Brown County. The department assumes it would spend the money repairing the bridge, though the bill does not require repairs. The fiscal estimate assumes the bill exempts the project from program eligibility and local funding requirements outlined in §. 84.18, Wis. Stats. but still requires the project to be under the supervision and control of the Department of Transportation.

The Department would perform some oversight functions, such as reviewing the structure under a Cooperative Agreement. IF Department oversight is necessary, the Department's estimated cost would be approximately 2 percent of construction costs. Any costs incurred would be absorbed as part of the Department's normal oversight of local program projects.

If the \$1.2 million authorized for this project under the bill is not adequate to cover the necessary improvements to the bridge, the local government would likely be responsible for any additional project costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Indeterminate at this time. The bridge is currently eligible for funding under the Lift Bridge Aids program, which provides state funding for regular operations and maintenance on nine specifically identified lift bridges in the State of Wisconsin. Consequently, it is assumed on-going operational and maintenance costs associated with the bridge would continue to be absorbed within the Lift Bridge Aids program and local revenue sources.