

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 21-4305/1	Introduction Number AB-0527	Estimate Type Original
Description authorizing community solar programs and granting rule-making authority		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This fiscal estimate pertains to the provisions administered by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. The bill authorizes the establishment of community solar programs through which retail electric customers may subscribe to a community solar facility and receive credits to their electric bills for electricity produced by the facility. Under the bill, community solar facilities are subject to any zoning ordinance applicable to the parcel on which the community solar facility is located. A municipality may not grant an exception to its zoning ordinance if the exception would authorize the installation of a community solar facility, unless the exception is approved by two-thirds vote of the governing body of the municipality. Also, no subscriber may receive a payment or other benefit from a tax incremental district.

The bill does not impact tax increment districts. If the bill results in lower revenues for public utilities taxed under Chapter 76, then the state could see an indeterminate revenue loss under the bill.

The department has no administrative costs associated with the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications