

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **21-2013/1** Introduction Number **AB-796**

Description
requiring bicycle and pedestrian facilities in highway projects and granting rule-making authority

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law [§. 84.01 (35), Wis. Stats] requires the Department to give “due consideration” to including bikeways and pedestrian facilities in new construction and reconstruction highway projects funding with state or federal funds under §20.395 or §20.866. The proposed bill changes the language to “ensure that” these facilities “are established”. In addition, it confers rule-making authority to the Department to identify exceptions to the requirement but identifies specific criteria the exceptions must meet. These changes return existing statutory language to what was law, prior to the changes made in 2015 Wisconsin Act 55.

The language change from “due consideration” to “ensure that” these facilities “are established” does not significantly change the Department’s current practice for new highway construction and reconstruction. Therefore, it is not anticipated the bill will have a significant fiscal impact on the State’s highway program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is not anticipated this bill will have a significant long-term fiscal impact.