

### Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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<b>Fiscal Effect</b>  <b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue      5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
<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

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2021 SB 1104 includes several provisions related to the Public Service Commission (Commission). The bill allows electric providers to use easements they hold to install or maintain broadband infrastructure; and lease or provide excess capacity in broadband infrastructure to a supplier of broadband services. The bill also lessens the requirements in Wis. Stat. 66.0422 for construction, ownership, or operation of broadband facilities by a municipality. The local fiscal effect related to changes to Wis. Stat. 66.0422 is indeterminate.

2021 SB 1104 prohibits broadband providers from denying access to a group of potential residential customers because of their race or income. The bill also establishes various requirements for broadband service providers, including, among other things, minimum service standards, advertising disclosure requirements, and subscriber rights. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection may promulgate rules to implement and administer these requirements.

2021 SB 1104 creates an appropriation under 20.155(3), which provides \$1.166 billion in general purpose revenue for the broadband expansion grant program. This level of grant program funding would require an additional 3.0 FTE to plan, execute, monitor, and report on grant recipient activity.

The bill also creates an appropriation under 20.155(1), which provides \$4,859,000 in general purpose revenue for Wisconsin Broadband Office administrative costs as well as line extension assistance and broadband connector grant programs. The line extension assistance program provides grants of up to \$4,000 to assist in paying the customer costs associated with line extensions necessary to connect broadband service to the property. The broadband connector program provides planning grants up to \$50,000 to political subdivisions, school districts, tribal governments, regional planning commissions, nonprofit organizations, and local economic development organizations for broadband planning, feasibility engineering related to broadband infrastructure construction, broadband adoption planning, and digital inclusion activities. The additional grant programs would require 1.0 FTE plan, execute, monitor, and report on grant recipient activity.

The annual costs associated with the 4.0 FTE resources total \$433,500:

Salary: \$282,900

Fringe Benefits: \$98,600

Supplies and Services: \$52,000

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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**I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):**

\$1,166,000,000 in general purpose revenue for broadband expansion grants.

<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>	<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs

A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$381,500	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(4.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	52,000	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$433,500</b>	<b>\$</b>

B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	433,500	
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		

**III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)**

	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$433,500	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$

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