

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 21-3226/1 | Introduction Number | SB-390 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description establishing the Wisconsin commission for the United States semiquincentennial commission to coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a Wisconsin commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. Each public elementary or secondary school, including each charter school, shall provide at least one event or educational opportunity related to the 250th anniversary of the United States. DPI is responsible for disseminating information to applicable schools on educational opportunities, as well as to collect the information from the schools on the events as indicated by the bill. Once the information is received DPI will report the results back to the Commission. Additionally, the bill requires all state agencies to cooperate with the Commission in the performance of its functions.

State: Indeterminate

The provision that all agencies cooperate with the Commission in the performance of its functions would apply to DPI. The specific costs of disseminating information to schools, collecting and reporting back information on educational events, and additional work that might arise if the Commission assigns work to DPI is indeterminate. It is assumed those costs would have to be absorbed within the existing department resources, as the bill does not provide additional funding or positions authority to DPI to conduct the activities specified in the bill.

Local: Indeterminate

The specific costs of planning and holding educational events around the United States Semiquincentennial cannot reasonably be projected, and would likely vary from school to school. This bill does not provide additional funding for schools to comply with the requirements in the bill, thus costs would be absorbed by schools within existing resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

This bill indicates that the educational opportunity/event required by the bill is to occur in the 2025-26 school year; required reporting would follow the events, and the Commission would expire on January 1, 2027. Thus the actual expenditures (schools and DPI) to comply with the bill's requirements would occur in the future, approximately 4 years from now.