

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 21-3845/1	Introduction Number SB-522
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Description
 establishing solar field designations and granting rule-making authority

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	20.155(1)(g)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2021 SB 522 creates the "pollinator friendly" and "agriculture friendly" designations for ground-mounted photovoltaic solar energy systems. Under the bill, the Public Service Commission (Commission) shall designate solar energy systems as pollinator friendly and/or agriculture friendly if various requirements are met. The Commission is required to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for each designation, some of which are enumerated in the bill. The Commission shall work with the Department of Natural Resources for the pollinator friendly designation rulemaking and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protections for the agriculture friendly designation rulemaking. 2021 SB 522 also requires the Commission to promulgate rules related to the applications for the designations as well as the process for determining if the applicant meets the designation requirements. Finally, the Commission must create a logotype for each of the designations.

Commission staff time will be required throughout the rulemaking processes as well as on an ongoing basis to review applications and designate systems accordingly. This work effort can be absorbed with existing staff resources. The Commission may require design assistance for the development of the logotypes. Any cost associated with the design assistance can be absorbed within the Commission's existing budget authority in Wis. Stat. §20.155(1)(g).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications