

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 21-4819/1		Introduction Number SB-626	
Description Selection of architects and engineers for state projects			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<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	
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
Agency/Prepared By		Authorized Signature	Date
DOA/ Robert Albrecht (608) 264-6343		Robin Malicki (608) 264-9576	3/10/2022

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOA 3/10/2022

LRB Number 21-4819/1	Introduction Number SB-626	Estimate Type Original
Description Selection of architects and engineers for state projects		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2021 Senate Bill 626 (SB-626) would create s. 16.867 (3), Wis. Stats., which would prohibit committees established for construction projects under s. 15.04 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., from refusing to select an architect or engineer for a construction project that has an estimated cost of less than \$7,400,000 on the basis that the firm in question operates with only one responsible architect and engineer. Under current law, selection committees must follow a request for proposal process for projects estimated at \$7,400,000 or more.

Adm 20.02 (6) (a) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code requires there to be "more than one architect/engineer as a responsible member of the firm" in order for it to be considered an eligible architect/engineer. SB-626 would therefore supersede this requirement in cases where the project is estimated at less than \$7,400,000. The Department anticipates that, while the proposed change would modify criteria used by selection committees, it would not require additional staff resources or present any direct costs to the Department in order to carry out selections, and thus no fiscal impact is anticipated to the Department.

With the proposed changes to acceptable selection criteria, there is the potential for additional risk in the event that a firm selected with only one responsible architect/engineer does not have sufficient staffing to undertake a project's scope of work, and, as a result, the contract would need to be extended or rebid for, leading to additional costs and project delays. Such costs, however, would be incurred by the State Building Commission and would not impact the Department's operating expenditures.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications