

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-2499/1	Introduction Number AB-0258
Description authorizing community solar programs and granting rule-making authority	
Fiscal Effect	
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local: <input checked="" 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	
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This fiscal estimate pertains to the provisions administered by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. The bill authorizes the establishment of community solar programs through which retail electric customers of an investor-owned electric utility may subscribe and receive credits to their electric bills for electricity produced by the facility. Under the bill, community solar facilities are subject to the zoning ordinances applicable to the parcels which they are located, and community solar facilities may not be established in a municipality unless the governing body approves the facility by a two-thirds vote. The bill creates an exception where a community solar facility does not fall within the definition of a public utility under Chapter 76. Under current law, solar energy systems are exempted from Chapter 70 personal property taxes.

The bill does not impact tax increment districts. Under the bill, the state could see an indeterminate revenue loss if a community solar facility results in lower revenues for public utilities taxed under Chapter 76. The bill has no fiscal effect on public utility aid expenditures as community solar facilities would not qualify as public utilities. Local governments may see an indeterminate increase in assessed and equalized values if a community solar facility results in a shift from agricultural use to the commercial property class.

The department can absorb minimal administrative costs associated with the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications