

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 12/13/2023

LRB Number	23-3771/1	Introduction Number	AB-0555	Estimate Type	Original
Description labeling a food product as containing lab-grown animal cells, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill defines the circumstances under which a food product may be labeled as meat or a meat product. The bill creates penalties for violations of the requirements in the bill. The bill also requires the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to write rules for enforcing the statutory provisions in the bill. If the statutory language is enacted, DATCP during the course of inspecting food processing plants and retail food establishments, and local health departments acting as agents for DATCP during inspections of retail food establishments, would check food package labels for compliance with the statutory requirements. DATCP and its agents would also conduct an unknown number of investigations in response to complaints that businesses failed to comply with the new requirements. DATCP anticipates needing to train staff, modify forms, and modify software, but those costs, along with the costs of rule-making, could be supported within DATCP's existing budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

DATCP does not anticipate incurring significant long-term costs for enforcing the statutory provisions if enacted.