



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 6/7/2023

LRB Number	<b>23-1878/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-0311</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> state aid for prizes awarded at local fairs					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill increases the maximum amount the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) provides in state aid to counties, agricultural societies, associations, and boards for prizes paid out to exhibitors from up to \$10,000 to up to \$20,000 per fair. This bill also prohibits DATCP from restricting the total number of fairs an exhibitor may participate in and be eligible for a prize paid for with state aid. Other entities operating a fair may continue to impose restrictions on the number of fairs these entities may participate in.

In fiscal year 2022-23, the total authorized amount for aids to county and district fairs was \$456,400 in general purpose revenue (GPR). This bill does not change this amount; however, the 2023-25 biennial budget bill was amended on May 18, 2023 to include an increase of \$193,600 GPR annually for aids to county and district fairs.

State aid is paid on a formula established in 2007 by the Wisconsin State Legislature. Premiums are paid to junior, open and senior citizen classes. Section 93.23(1)(a) directs money to be paid to fairs by request only. State aid paid to each fair is based on premiums paid in the current fair season.

In 2022, \$508,812.31 in state aid was requested by 74 fairs. The amount paid out was the authorized amount of \$456,400 after a pro rata deduction.

The costs to administer the changes in the bill can be absorbed by DATCP.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications