

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-5023/1	Introduction Number SB-0712
Description farm to fork grants, farm to school grants, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation	
Fiscal Effect	
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill creates a Farm to Fork grant program with a new annual GPR appropriation funded at \$265,700 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$287,600 in fiscal year 2024-25. The bill would create 1.0 GPR full-time equivalent (FTE) to administer the program. The position would be funded from the appropriation created to provide Farm to Fork grants.

This program would connect entities with cafeterias to nearby farms. The goal would be to provide locally sourced foods to these entities with the goals being to improve farmer incomes and promote healthy eating habits and nutritional and agricultural education. Eligible entities could be hospitals, businesses, universities, and other entities that are not school districts. The department could promulgate rules to administer the program.

The department currently operates the Farm to School program in conjunction with the Department of Public Instruction. The program connects producers with school districts to provide locally produced food in Wisconsin schools. The program helps with procurement of the locally sourced food and economic development for farmers. The department currently administers the Farm to School program with existing resources. The department could administer the Farm to School program with existing agency resources and the new Farm to Fork program with the additional resources provided in the bill.

Also under this bill, school districts with a high percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-priced meals would be eligible for grants to create or expand Farm to School programs. This bill would increase the Farm to School appropriation by \$200,000 GPR annually. Currently, it is funded at \$0 annually.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The position and funding for the programs in the bill would be ongoing. The department currently operates the Farm to School program and could operate the Farm to Fork program with resources in the bill on an ongoing basis.