

## Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>25-0923/2</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-0148</b>
<b>Description</b> the right to repair agricultural equipment, and providing a penalty	
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>  <b>State:</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect  <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate  <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations  <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations                         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues  <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues                         </div> </div> </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes                             <input type="checkbox"/> No                         </div> </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs                     </div> </div> <b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;">                     1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                      2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                 </div> <div style="width: 33%;">                     3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue  <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory                 </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <b>5.Types of Local Government Units Affected</b>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Towns  <input type="checkbox"/> Counties  <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts                         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Village  <input type="checkbox"/> Others  <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts                         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Cities  <input type="text" value="0"/> </div> </div> </div> </div>	

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 4/11/2025

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires agricultural equipment manufacturers to, upon request make available to agricultural equipment owners and independent service providers any documentation, data, embedded software, firmware, parts, or tools that are intended for use with agricultural equipment, at certain fair costs and fair terms as articulated in the bill.

The bill generally does not require manufacturers to provide documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, or tools that would require a manufacturer to divulge a trade secret.

Finally, the bill exempts manufacturers and equipment dealers from liability stemming from an owner's or independent repair provider's faulty or otherwise improper repair that causes damage or loss of use of equipment, and exempts manufacturers from liability for an action resulting from a person's use or reliance upon data that the manufacturer provided to a person.

The department does not currently engage in any right to repair laws, so outreach and education would be conducted with both consumers and businesses that meet the definition of an agricultural equipment manufacturer. This would be to inform them of their rights and responsibilities under the regulations. These manufacturers may not be Wisconsin-based businesses. The department would establish processes to educate the industry, handle related complaints, and investigate and enforce when there are alleged violations involving Wisconsin users. Since Wisconsin enforces consumer protection laws against out-of-state businesses regularly, the enforcement would not be atypical in jurisdiction.

Under Chapter 100, DATCP would refer cases to the Attorney General's office or to local prosecutors if needed based on the investigations of consumer complaints. Since this represents a new area of enforcement for the department, it is not clear how many complaints will be filed. The department plans to absorb investigative costs but may need to seek additional positions in future budgets.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The long-range fiscal implications are unknown.