

**REPORT
STATE OF WISCONSIN
JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS
2025 SENATE BILL 84**

[Introduced by Senator Wimberger and cosponsored by Representative Franklin]

This report relates to 2025 Senate Bill 84, relating to exempting certain conveyances between grandparents and grandchildren from the real estate transfer fee.

GENERAL NATURE OF PROPOSAL

Under current law, a person who conveys an interest in real estate generally must file a real estate transfer return and pay a real estate transfer fee of 30 cents for each \$100 of the value of the property. The requirement to pay a real estate transfer fee is subject to various exceptions. One such exception applies to conveyances between parent and child, stepparent and stepchild, parent and son-in-law or parent and daughter-in-law for nominal or no consideration. The bill expands this exception to also apply to a conveyance between grandparent and grandchild for nominal or no consideration.

LEGALITY INVOLVED

There are no questions of legality involving the tax-exemption-related provision in the bill.

FISCAL EFFECT

The Department of Revenue (DOR) estimates that the bill would create an annual reduction of \$17,900 in state general purpose revenues and \$4,500 in county revenues based on data from real estate transfer returns for conveyances between a grandparent and grandchild in recent years. DOR also indicates it would incur a one-time cost of \$4,300 for software updates.

PUBLIC POLICY INVOLVED

The Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions finds that the tax-exemption-related provision in the bill is good public policy on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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