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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Senate Bill 92 (SB-92) proposes to allow for the aggregation of property and retail theft committed by the same individual within a six-month period and permits prosecution of these crimes as a single crime.

The District Attorneys are responsible for prosecuting criminal cases, handling state forfeiture actions and traffic violations, cooperating on welfare fraud investigations, participating in John Doe investigations, attending grand jury proceedings, representing the state in criminal appeals, initiating or appearing in civil actions and special proceedings, and enforcing various legal provisions, as authorized and prescribed under Chapter 978 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

The District Attorneys anticipate that SB-92 may result in a shift in case processing due to the consolidation of multiple theft crimes into a single crime. This may lead to increased complexity in investigations and a broader scope of evidence required to support prosecution. As a result, in the short term, the District Attorneys may incur minor workload increases to adapt to these changes.

At the same time, SB-92 may offer operational efficiencies by allowing for the streamlined prosecution of repeat offenders, potentially reducing the number of individual case filings and associated court proceedings. Over time, these efficiencies to the District Attorneys may offset some of the initial workload increases.

However, due to the inability to determine the incremental complexity and volume of cases that may arise as a result of SB-92, the overall impact to the District Attorneys' workload is indeterminate at this time. The District Attorneys anticipate that any immediate impacts could be managed within existing position and budget authority. To the extent that implementation results in higher-than-anticipated demands, additional positions or prosecutorial resources may be required, which could result in increased costs. Therefore, the fiscal impact associated with SB-92 is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications