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Fire Department Dues Distribution Reestimate (Commerce and DSPS)

CURRENT LAW

Any insurer doing fire insurance business in the state must pay fire department dues equal to 2% of the amount of all Wisconsin based premiums paid to the company for insurance against loss by fire, including insurance on property exempt from taxation. After deductions for certain fire prevention programs at Commerce and WTCS, Commerce distributes the revenues to each city, village or town maintaining a local fire department that complies with state law. Fire dues payments may only be used for eligible activities related to operation of a fire department. Commerce distributes a proportionate share of the fire dues revenues based on the equalized valuation of real property improvements on land within the qualifying towns, villages and cities. In 2010-11, Commerce will distribute approximately \$14.84 million.

GOVERNOR

Maintain the base level estimate of \$14,655,600 PR annually for fire dues distribution.

MODIFICATION

Provide \$494,400 in 2011-12 and \$744,400 in 2012-13 to reestimate the fire dues distribution to local governments that maintain eligible fire departments.

Explanation: The appropriation for fire dues distribution to local fire departments is a continuing appropriation and includes the amount estimated to be available for distribution each year. Based on the estimates of available fire dues revenue approximately \$15,150,000 will be available in 2011-12 for distribution to local governments with eligible fire departments, and \$15,400,000 in 2012-13.

	Change to Bill
	Funding
PR	\$1,238,800

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