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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 54 (AB-54) proposes changes to the state's farmland preservation program through changes to farmland preservation grants and tax credits. AB-54 proposes to authorize the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to award grants to municipalities, townships, counties, regional planning authorities, and tribal governments, in order to provide for farmland preservation implementation.

Also under the proposed bill, DATCP would expand its farmland preservation report submitted every two years to the Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Joint Committee on Finance, and to standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over agriculture, with copies submitted to the Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Department of Administration (Department), to include additional reviews and recommendations of both tax credit amounts and levels for qualifying acres of farmland.

In addition, AB-54 makes a claimant's pertaining tax credit filing, which is certified by DOR to the Department for payment to the claimant from under s. 20.835, Wis. Stats., subject to the indexing of farmland preservation tax credit amounts for inflation.

The Department's Division of Executive Budget and Finance (DEBF) provides accounting, budgeting, and financial services to state government. The copy of DATCP's expanded farmland preservation report and subsequent impacts to s. 20.835, Wis. Stats., would be received, reviewed and filed by DEBF. This work would readily be absorbed into existing DEBF responsibilities and staff workloads, including the potential additional time required for reviews of the aforementioned expanded reports.

The Department is not able to readily identify an impact to local units of government related to the Department's operations or services, over other agencies with more directly pertaining fiscal estimate submissions.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications