

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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LRB Number 23-2661/1	Introduction Number AB-0419
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Description
 creating an online, interactive carbon calculator for farmers

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <u>0</u>
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	20.115 (7)(a)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would require the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to develop and maintain an online, interactive carbon calculator that may be used by farmers in Wisconsin to determine the carbon emissions produced both directly and indirectly from their agricultural activities. The calculator must allow users to input at a minimum soil type, soil history, tillage systems, crops planted, fertilizer and pesticide use, harvest and storage systems, types of livestock, use and distribution of manure, product delivery systems, conservation measures in place, and types of vehicles used. DATCP may contract with a third party to develop and maintain the calculator. All information provided by users and users' calculated emissions are confidential and not subject to public inspection or copying under state open records law.

DATCP would anticipate contracting with a third party to implement the requirements in this bill. DATCP anticipates creating a request for proposal (RFP) to determine the most qualified contractor to develop the calculator. DATCP does not have experience calculating carbon emissions from agricultural operators. Currently, there are a number of private platforms that operate calculators that may be models for Wisconsin's calculator. In addition, the USDA operates COMET-Farm. This is a tool that allows agriculture producers to voluntarily assess their greenhouse gas emissions. This tool can be used to set a baseline and to examine ways to reduce producer emissions.

DATCP would require 1.0 GPR FTE Research Analyst-Senior to perform auditing, reporting, statistical analysis, and customer service to users. This position would also assist in the RFP process. The position would require \$93,100 GPR annually ongoing. Additionally, DATCP would require \$416,100 GPR annually to contract with a third party. DATCP would require \$509,200 GPR and 1.0 GPR FTE to develop and maintain an online, interactive carbon calculator that can be used by Wisconsin farmers to measure their direct and indirect carbon emissions.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

DATCP would require \$416,100 one-time GPR funding to contract with a third party to develop and implement the requirements in this bill.

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs

A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$93,100	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(1.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	75,000	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$168,100	\$

B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR	168,100	
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		

III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$168,100	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$

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