

FISCAL NOTE

This bill increases the assessed value amount of the veterans' property tax annual exemption by \$3,000, from \$3,000 to \$6,000. This bill would apply to ad valorem tax assessed on and after January 1, 2023.

Increasing the maximum assessed value exemption by \$3,000 would increase the maximum property tax exemption by \$216 per qualifying veteran, per year, assuming a mill levy of 72 mills.

W.S. 39-13-102(k) requires the State Treasurer Office (STO) to reimburse county treasurers for the property taxes which would have been collected if the property was not exempt, out of funds appropriated for that purpose. The bill would result in an expenditure increase in reimbursements from the STO provided to counties that approve these exemptions. The Veterans' Property Tax Exemption Program (Program) appropriation is included in STO's budget. The Department of Revenue (DOR) establishes the rules for the program, works directly with county assessors to track the exemptions and valuations from the program, and compiles a reimbursement report for the STO on which to base reimbursement payments made directly to counties.

The DOR estimates the expenditure increase from this bill at \$4,053,389 per year, based on the actual tax year 2022 reimbursements to counties for the Program. This expenditure increase is assumed to remain at this level over the next three years. This expenditure increase is also reflected on the Agency Estimate of Administrative Impact prepared by the STO.

NOTICE-AGENCY ESTIMATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT REQUESTED

This bill has administrative impact that appears to increase duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. As introduced, the bill does not modify any state agency budget or current personnel authorizations.

The following state agencies will be asked to provide their estimate of the administrative fiscal impact prior to the first committee meeting held to consider the bill:

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