



# Tips for Completing a Ten-Year Cost Analysis- Indeterminate Estimates

While an attempt must be made to provide a reasonable estimate of the total amount of cash receipts, there are times when data is not available on which to base an estimate.

For indeterminate estimates, the narrative section must provide the information needed for the email press release required to be sent to legislators, the public, and the press.

1. **Check the Indeterminate Box**
2. **In the Narrative Section:**
  - a. **Describe what the measure does that has I-960 implications, including who is affected and how.**
  - b. **Explain why the total cash receipts cannot be estimated (e.g., no data is available on how many people would be eligible to pay the tax or fee).**
  - c. **Include the cost to the individual tax or fee payer, which is usually in the form of the rate authorized in the bill. If the cost to the individual tax or fee payer is indeterminate, explain why.**

## Partially Indeterminate Estimates

A bill may contain more than one tax or fee, some of which may be indeterminate and some which can be estimated.

1. **Check the Indeterminate Box\***
2. **Include numbers in the grid for those taxes and fees that can be estimated**
3. **In the Narrative Section:**
  - a. **In the description of what the measure does that has I-960 implications, clearly identify which taxes and/or fees are estimated in the grid, and which are indeterminate.**
  - b. **Explain why the total cash receipts cannot be estimated for the specific tax or fee (e.g., no data is available on how many people would be eligible to pay the tax or fee).**
  - c. **Include the cost to the individual tax or fee payer for the tax or fee that cannot be estimated. This is usually in the form of the rate authorized in the bill. If the cost to the individual tax or fee payer is indeterminate, explain why.**

- d. Include assumptions for the taxes or fees that are included in the grid and clearly distinguish this explanation from that for the taxes and fees that cannot be estimated.**

\*If you do not check the indeterminate box for partially indeterminate estimates, only the numbers in the table will appear in the notice and not the explanation in the narrative. Help us avoid errors by checking the indeterminate box for partially indeterminate estimates.

**Other Resources:**

- [OFM Implementation Criteria for I-960](#)
- [Ten-Year Cost Analysis \(I-960\) Instructions for Agencies](#)
- For questions about how to complete a Ten-Year analysis, contact your [OFM Budget Analyst](#).
- For system and technical questions, contact the OFM Helpdesk at (360) 407-9100 or email [HereToHelp@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:HereToHelp@ofm.wa.gov).