



## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 839

December 22, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, CONSIDINE, JOERS, J. ANDERSON, BARE, BALDEH, CONLEY, EMERSON, JACOBSON, MADISON, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SHELTON, SINICKI, SUBECK and VINING, cosponsored by Senators SMITH, AGARD, ROYS, LARSON, SPREITZER and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** funding for certain research positions at the University of  
2 Wisconsin-Madison and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill specifies that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System must provide funding for two agriculture and climate change research positions assigned to the Division of Extension at UW-Madison. The positions must be filled using existing, currently vacant positions but must also reflect an increase in the total number of research positions at UW-Madison.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) CLIMATE SCIENCE RESEARCH POSITIONS.

5 (a) In this subsection:

6 1. "Board" means the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.

7 2. "Chancellor" means the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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1 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the board shall provide  
2 funding for 2.0 full-time equivalent research positions at the University of  
3 Wisconsin-Madison focusing on agriculture and climate change.

4 (c) The positions specified in par. (b) are subject to all of the following:

5 1. The positions shall be filled using existing authorized full-time equivalent  
6 positions, funded from s. 20.285 (1) (a), that are currently vacant.

7 2. The positions shall be filled in a manner that reflects an increase in the total  
8 number of research positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

9 3. The positions shall be assigned to the division of extension at the University  
10 of Wisconsin-Madison.

11 (d) The chancellor may not abolish under s. 16.505 (2p) the positions specified  
12 in par. (b).

13 **SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

14 (1) UW CLIMATE SCIENCE RESEARCH POSITIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005  
15 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin  
16 System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased  
17 by \$200,000 to provide funding for the positions specified in SECTION 1 (1) of this act.  
18 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of  
19 the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for  
20 fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$200,000 to provide funding for the positions  
21 specified in SECTION 1 (1) of this act.

22 (END)