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2007-08

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Forestry

Assembly Bill 643

Relating to: grants for master logger certification and for logger safety training.

By Representatives Friske, Mursau, Hubler, M. Williams, Gronemus, Montgomery, A. Ott, Hahn, Townsend and Musser; cosponsored by Senator Cowles.

December 21, 2007 Referred to Committee on Forestry.

February 12, 2008 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (6) Representatives Friske, Mursau, A. Ott, M. Williams, Hubler and Sherman.

Absent: (1) Representative Boyle.

Appearances For

- Donald Friske, Madison — Representative, 35th Assembly District
- Gunnar Bergersen, Madison — Lake States Lumber Association and Great Lakes Timber Producers Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Bob Mather, Madison — Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 12, 2008 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (6) Representatives Friske, Mursau, A. Ott, M. Williams, Hubler and Sherman.

Absent: (1) Representative Boyle.

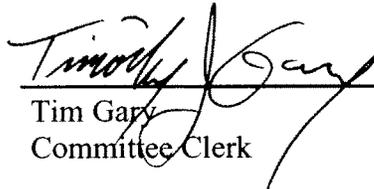
Moved by Representative Hubler, seconded by Representative Mursau that **Assembly Bill 643** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Friske, Mursau, A. Ott, M. Williams, Hubler and Sherman.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Representative Boyle.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 0



Tim Gary
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Forestry

Date: 2-12-2008

Moved by: Hubler

Seconded by: Mursau

AB 643 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

| <u>Committee Member</u> | <u>Aye</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>Not Voting</u> |
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| Representative Donald Friske, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative Jeffrey Mursau | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative Alvin Ott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative Mary Williams | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative Mary Hubler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative Frank Boyle | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative Gary Sherman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Totals: | <u>6</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u> </u> |

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



Remarks for Assembly Committee on Forestry
Regarding AB 643 – Education Grants for Logger Safety Training
By Representative Donald Friske
February 12, 2008

Thank you Committee members.

In an effort to increase the sustainability of forest management and maintain Wisconsin's forest product market share, the State of Wisconsin created a scholarship program to assist loggers to become Master Loggers © in the 2005-07 biennial budget.

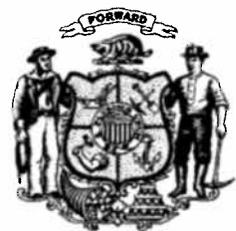
This bill expands the program eligibility for scholarships used by loggers to include both Master Logger © and logger safety training programs. The bill does not expand the funding available, as a portion of the funds were not utilized in the last fiscal year. Rather than allowing remaining funds to lapse, it would be appropriate to expand the grants to a substantially similar purpose: logger safety training and education.

The source of the funds used in the current scholarship and proposed to be used in this safety program is the Forestry Account.

Thank you again for your time today to discuss this bill.



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Assembly Bill 643

Assembly Committee on Forestry

Department of Natural Resources Testimony
Bob Mather, Director
Bureau of Forest Management
February 12, 2008

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Good morning. My name is Bob Mather and I am the Director for the Department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Forest Management. I appreciate this opportunity to appear before you to discuss AB 643.

The Department of Natural Resources supports the underlying intent of the bill and appreciates the author's expressed desire to address training needs and their associated costs for our logging contractors. The department is testifying for informational purposes only.

This bill would expand the scope of the existing Wisconsin Master Logger Certification (MLC ©) Scholarship grant program. It would add the cost of logger safety training as an eligible cost under the program and also make that cost-sharing available to all logging contractors seeking logger safety training, including those who are not certified Master Loggers.

When the existing MLC © scholarship program was passed in 2005 Wisconsin Act 25, the Department was in support. The intent behind the existing program was to promote the MLC © and the professionalism, verification of business practices, and connectivity to forest certification that went along with it. The Department continues to support this program and what it stands for. Quality logging professionals provide a very important link to the struggling forest products industry in Wisconsin. AB 643 appears to deviate from the original intent of the scholarship program by making the cost-sharing of training available to anyone.

The Department would request the Committee draft language to amend AB643 so that the 50% cost share for training only be available to those who have achieved MLC © status. Such an amendment would maintain the Master Logger focus in s. 26.39(7) Wis. Stats. and provide a tangible benefit for those wishing to maintain and bear the cost of MLC © status. The Department would propose that Master Logger training eligible for the 50% cost share include any classes needed for maintaining MLC © and also any additional logger safety training classes administered by the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA).

I appreciate the opportunity to express the Department's concerns with AB 643 in its present form and would be glad to answer any questions you might have.