



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2019 Assembly Bill 125

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 125

Assembly Bill 125 establishes a loan program in which the Department of Administration (DOA) is authorized to award loans to owners of rental housing units for the purpose of satisfying applicable housing quality standards.

The bill appropriates for the loan program \$1,000,000 in the next fiscal year (2019-20). It also makes a continuing appropriation of any amounts received from the repayment of a loan.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 revises the loan program by directing, rather than authorizing, DOA to award the loans.

The amendment also revises the method of providing funding for the loan program. It removes both of the appropriations from the bill and instead provides that the loan program be funded out of the existing housing grants and loans appropriation account. The amendment then utilizes the procedure available under current law by which the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) may supplement an appropriation if it finds that funds are not available to accomplish the purpose of an authorized program and it finds that an emergency exists. Under the amendment, if DOA requests amounts from any supplemental funding set aside for the 2019-21 biennium, JCF may approve the additional funding for the program without finding that an emergency exists.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Pronschinske on June 3, 2019. On June 6, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, and passage of Assembly Bill 125, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3.

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