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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Senate Bill 710**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

### 2019 SENATE BILL 710

Under **current law**, the Wisconsin Fund, a grant program for failing septic tanks, will sunset at the end of the current fiscal biennium.

**The bill** delays that sunset until the end of the next fiscal biennium. The bill also requires the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to prepare, and counties to deliver, literature describing eligibility criteria for the program. Finally, the bill authorizes two, two-year, full-time equivalent positions in DSPS for conducting certain work relating to the Wisconsin Fund.

### SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 retains all of the provisions in the bill and also requires DSPS to fund a septage characterization study, to be conducted by the Department of Soil and Waste Resources at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Stevens Point. The amendment requires UW-Stevens Point to submit its results and a report to the Legislature by the end of calendar year 2020.

### BILL HISTORY

2019 Senate Bill 710 was recommended by the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality and introduced by Senate Jacque and others. Following a public hearing on the bill, Senator Jacque offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 31, 2020. On February 5, 2020, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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