



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



LRB-1384/2
EVM:kjf:jf

DOA:.....Byrnes, BB0341 - Eliminate federal funding precondition for expenditure of major interstate bridge construction bonding proceeds

FOR 2011-13 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAYS

Under current law, the state may contract up to \$225,000,000 in public debt to fund major interstate bridge projects. A major interstate bridge project is defined to mean “a project involving the construction or reconstruction of a bridge on the state trunk highway system, including approaches, that crosses a river forming a boundary of the state and for which this state’s estimated cost share is at least \$100,000,000.” Under current law, DOT may not encumber or expend any funds collected under this bonding authorization unless the state receives federal funds that are designated by the federal government for a major interstate bridge project and that cover at least \$75,000,000 of the state’s share of the project’s cost. This bill eliminates the requirement that the state receive federal funds covering a portion of the project’s cost before expending or encumbering funds collected under the bonding authorization.

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

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

SECTION 1. 84.016 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

84.016 (2) Notwithstanding ss. 84.013, 84.51, 84.52, 84.53, 84.555, and 84.95, but subject to ~~sub. (3) and~~ s. 86.255, this state's share of costs for any major interstate bridge project, including preliminary design work for the project, may be funded only from the appropriations under ss. 20.395 (3) (dq), (dv), and (dx) and 20.866 (2) (ugm).

SECTION 2. 84.016 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

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