



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2011 Assembly Bill 53

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Current Law

Under **current law**, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is authorized to designate no more than 12 enterprise zones, based on specified indications of economic need. Commerce may certify businesses within the zones to receive tax credits for job creation, job retention, employee training, capitol investment, and purchases from Wisconsin suppliers.

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2011 Assembly Bill 53 increases the total number of enterprise zones that Commerce may designate from 12 zones to 15 zones.

Assembly Amendment 1

Assembly Amendment 1 authorizes Commerce to designate a total of 19 enterprise zones, thereby increasing the number of new zones to seven more than are authorized under current law, in contrast to the three additional zones authorized under the bill. The change accounts for four new enterprise zones authorized in 2011 Assembly Bill 2 and 2011 Senate Bill 4. Assembly Bill 2 and Senate Bill 4 require that four enterprise zones be designated in low-population areas.

The amendment also makes Assembly Bill 53 contingent upon the passage of either Assembly Bill 2 or Senate Bill 4.

Legislative History

Representative Williams introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on March 28, 2011. On March 29, 2011, the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economy, and Small Business recommended the amendment for adoption on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 2. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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