



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 356	Assembly Amendment 1
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The 2013-15 Biennial Budget Act (Act 20) included a provision that requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to award a grant, if certain conditions are met, for a highway improvement project involving the relocation of County Highway LS in Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties onto an existing town road. The Act 20 provision specifies that the amount of the grant is to be \$4,200,000 or 50% of the project costs, whichever is less. The grant is to be provided through the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program.

Assembly Bill 356

Assembly Bill 356 modifies the County Highway LS grant requirement in Act 20 by directing DOT to make the grant from a newly created appropriation for that purpose, instead of under the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program, and reducing the maximum amount of the grant to \$4,000,000. The bill transfers \$4,000,000 from the SEG appropriation for the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program to the newly created appropriation. The bill also eliminates the Act 20 provision specifying the grant be limited to 50% of the project cost.

Assembly Amendment 1

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that the amount of the grant is limited to 50% of the project costs. Assembly Amendment 1 also provides that DOT must specify, as a condition of the grant, that the affected local governments competitively bid the work the grant pays for.

Bill History

The Committee on Joint Finance offered Assembly Amendment 1 on September 18, 2013. On October 1, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Transportation voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and to recommend passage of Assembly Bill 356, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 2.

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