1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 348

May 6, 1997 – Introduced by Committee on Agriculture. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

- 1 AN ACT to create 20.115 (4) (am) and 93.45 of the statutes; relating to: funding
- 2 for agricultural research and development and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection to provide funding to a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation that is formed by organizations that represent agricultural production in this state and has as its primary purpose the promotion and funding of agricultural research and development projects. The nonprofit corporation may use the funds for grants to conduct agricultural research and development projects and for administrative costs associated with making the grants.

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:

- 3 Section 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
- 4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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1	1997-98 1998-99
2	20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer
3	protection, department of
4	(4) AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE
5	(am) Wisconsin agricultural research
6	and development initiative GPR A 1,000,000 5,000,000
7	SECTION 2. 20.115 (4) (am) of the statutes is created to read:
8	20.115 (4) (am) Wisconsin agricultural research and development initiative.
9	The amounts in the schedule for the Wisconsin agricultural research and
10	development initiative under s. 93.45.
11	Section 3. 93.45 of the statutes is created to read:
12	93.45 Wisconsin agricultural research and development initiative. (1)
13	From the appropriation under s. $20.115~(4)~(am)$, the department shall provide funds
14	to a nonprofit corporation for grants for agricultural research and development
15	projects and administrative costs associated with making those grants if all of the
16	following apply:
17	(a) The nonprofit corporation is described in section 501 (c) of the Internal
18	Revenue Code, as defined in s. 71.22 (4), and is exempt from federal taxation under
19	section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
20	(b) The nonprofit corporation has as its primary purpose the promotion and
21	funding of agricultural research and development projects to benefit agricultural
22	producers in this state.

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sources.

(c) The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation consists of persons		
selected by organizations that represent agricultural production in this state and a		
representative of the University of Wisconsin System.		
(d) The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation selects agricultural		
research and development projects for funding based on research priorities		
identified by the board of directors and recommendations by technical advisory		
groups established by the board of directors.		
(2) A nonprofit corporation that receives funds under this section shall do all		
of the following:		
(a) Require each recipient of a grant to submit a final research report to the		
nonprofit corporation and require an annual report for each project funded for more		
than 12 months.		
(b) Require each recipient of a grant to convey research findings to potential		
users of those findings.		
(c) Submit an annual report to the legislature, under s. 13.172 (2), and to the		
governor describing expenditures of funds received under this section and the		
progress and results of research and development projects funded under this section.		
(3) A nonprofit corporation that receives funds under this section may do any		
of the following:		
(a) Require a person receiving a grant for an agricultural research and		
development project to obtain a portion of the funds needed for the project from other		

(b) Use funds received under this section to purchase administrative services

from any public or private entity.