



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 887

January 2, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives HAYWOOD, BARE, EMERSON, OHNSTAD, MOORE OMOKUNDE, STUBBS, RATCLIFF, JOERS, C. ANDERSON, PALMERI, SINICKI, JACOBSON, ANDRACA, HONG, MADISON, DRAKE, CLANCY and GOYKE, cosponsored by Senators L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, TAYLOR, ROYS, SPREITZER, LARSON, AGARD and HESSELBEIN. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.866 (2) (td); and *to create* 13.48 (26m) and 281.61 (8) (b)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** bonding for lead service line replacement and
3 granting bonding authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Administration and the Department of Natural Resources administer the safe drinking water loan program (SDWLP), which provides financial assistance from the environmental improvement program to local governmental units and to the private owners of community water systems that serve local governmental units for projects for the planning, designing, construction, or modification of public water systems. DNR establishes a funding list for SDWLP projects, and DOA allocates funding for those projects.

Under current law, the state may contract up to \$74,950,000 in public debt for the SDWLP. This bill increases the bonding authority for the program by \$200,000,000 and requires DOA to allocate up to \$200,000,000 of the authorized public debt to projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to cover not more than 50 percent of the cost to replace lead service lines.

For further information see the state and local 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:

