



2023 SENATE BILL 721

November 21, 2023 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, PFAFF, L. JOHNSON, ROYS, TAYLOR, CARPENTER, SPREITZER and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives HONG, C. ANDERSON, PALMERI, JACOBSON, SHELTON, EMERSON, CONLEY, SINICKI, CONSIDINE, SNODGRASS, RATCLIFF, JOERS, SHANKLAND, ANDRACA, ORTIZ-VELEZ, OHNSTAD, J. ANDERSON, DRAKE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, BARE, MADISON, CLANCY and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.115 (3) (e) and 93.53 of the statutes; **relating to:** food waste
2 reduction grants, granting rule-making authority, and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to provide grants for food waste reduction pilot projects that have an objective of preventing food waste, redirecting surplus food to hunger relief organizations, and composting food waste. Under the bill, DATCP must give preference to grant proposals that serve census tracts for which the median household income is below the statewide median household income and in which no grocery store is located.

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:

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

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SECTION 1

2023-24

2024-25

1 **20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer**

2 **protection, department of**

3 (3) **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

4 (e) Food waste reduction grants GPR A 100,000 100,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.115 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.115 (3) (e) *Food waste reduction grants.* The amounts in the schedule for
7 providing food waste reduction grants under s. 93.53.

8 **SECTION 3.** 93.53 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **93.53 Food waste reduction grants. (1)** The department shall provide
10 grants for food waste reduction pilot projects that have an objective of preventing
11 food waste, redirecting surplus food to hunger relief organizations, and composting
12 food waste. In awarding grants under this section, the department shall give
13 preference to proposals that serve census tracts for which the median household
14 income is below the statewide median household income and in which no grocery
15 store is located.

16 **(2)** The department shall promulgate rules for the administration of this
17 section.

18 (END)