

2003 SENATE BILL 250

September 17, 2003 – Introduced by Senators WELCH, GEORGE, KANAVAS and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE, KESTELL, MUSSER and COGGS. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.866 (1) (u); *to create* 13.48 (36), 20.866 (2) (zbs) and 20.867
2 (3) (bn) of the statutes; and *to affect* 2003 Wisconsin Act (senate Bill 44),
3 section 9106 (1) (am) and 2003 Wisconsin Act (senate Bill 44), section 9106
4 (8); **relating to:** construction and operation of a Hmong cultural center,
5 granting bonding authority, and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides for the state to construct a Hmong cultural center in the city of Milwaukee at a cost of \$3,000,000. Under the bill, the center is to be operated by an organization determined by the secretary of administration that represents the nonsectarian cultural interests of the Hmong people. Under the bill, the specific site for the center is determined by the building commission.

The bill authorizes the issuance of \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds, to be repaid with general purpose revenue, to finance construction of the center. The bill does not appropriate any moneys to operate the center.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 13.48 (36) of the statutes is created to read:

2 **13.48 (36) HMONG CULTURAL CENTER.** (a) The legislature finds and determines
3 that a significant number of Hmong people are citizens of this state, that the Hmong
4 people have a proud heritage that needs to be recognized and preserved, and that the
5 Hmong people have experienced difficulties assimilating in this state. The
6 legislature finds that supporting the Hmong people in their efforts to recognize their
7 heritage and to gain the full advantages of citizenship in this state is a statewide
8 responsibility of statewide dimension. To better ensure that the heritage of the
9 Hmong people is preserved and to better enable the Hmong people to gain the full
10 advantages of citizenship in this state, the legislature finds that it will have a direct
11 and immediate effect on a matter of statewide concern for the state to construct and
12 provide for the operation of a Hmong cultural center.

13 (b) Notwithstanding s. 18.04 (1) and (2), the building commission shall
14 authorize \$3,000,000 in general fund supported borrowing to make a grant to an
15 organization designated by the secretary of administration that represents the
16 cultural interests of Hmong people for construction of a Hmong cultural center in the
17 city of Milwaukee. As a condition precedent to receipt of the grant, the organization
18 shall enter into an agreement with the secretary guaranteeing that the center will
19 be operated to serve the nonsectarian cultural interests of the Hmong people.

20 (c) If, for any reason, the facility that is constructed with funds from the grant
21 under par. (b) is not used to construct a Hmong cultural center in the city of
22 Milwaukee, or the center is not operated to serve the nonsectarian cultural interests
23 of the Hmong people, the state shall retain an ownership interest in the facility equal
24 to the amount of the state's grant.

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1 **SECTION 2.** 20.866 (1) (u) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act ...
2 (Senate Bill 44), is amended to read:

3 20.866 **(1)** (u) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient from moneys
4 appropriated under sub. (2) (zp) and ss. 20.115 (2) (d) and (7) (b) and (f), 20.190 (1)
5 (c), (d), (i), and (j), 20.225 (1) (c) and (i), 20.245 (1) (e) and (j), 20.250 (1) (c) and (e),
6 20.255 (1) (d), 20.285 (1) (d), (db), (fh), (ih), (je), (jq), (kd), (km), and (ko) and (5) (i),
7 20.320 (1) (c) and (t) and (2) (c), 20.370 (7) (aa), (ac), (ag), (aq), (ar), (at), (au), (bq), (ca),
8 (cb), (cc), (cd), (ce), (cf), (ea), (eq), and (er), 20.395 (6) (af), (aq), (ar), and (at), 20.410
9 (1) (e), (ec), and (ko) and (3) (e), 20.435 (2) (ee) and (6) (e), 20.465 (1) (d), 20.485 (1)
10 (f) and (go), (3) (t) and (4) (qm), 20.505 (4), (es), (et), (ha), and (hb) and (5) (c), (g) and
11 (kc), 20.855 (8) (a) and 20.867 (1) (a) and (b) and (3) (a), (b), (bm), (bn), (bp), (br), (bt),
12 (g), (h), (i), and (q) for the payment of principal and interest on public debt contracted
13 under subchs. I and IV of ch. 18.

14 **SECTION 3.** 20.866 (2) (zbs) of the statutes is created to read:

15 20.866 **(2)** (zbs) *Hmong cultural center.* From the capital improvement fund,
16 a sum sufficient for the building commission to provide a grant to an organization
17 specified in s. 13.48 (36) (b) for construction of a Hmong cultural center in the city
18 of Milwaukee. The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed
19 \$3,000,000 for this purpose.

20 **SECTION 4.** 20.867 (3) (bn) of the statutes is created to read:

21 20.867 **(3)** (bn) *Principal repayment, interest and rebates; Hmong cultural*
22 *center.* A sum sufficient to reimburse s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the payment of principal
23 and interest costs incurred in financing the construction of a Hmong cultural center
24 in the city of Milwaukee, and to make the payments determined by the building

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1 commission under s. 13.488 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of
2 obligations incurred in financing the construction of the center.

3 **SECTION 5.** 2003 Wisconsin Act (Senate Bill 44), section 9106 (1) (am) is
4 created to read:

5 [2003 Wisconsin Act (Senate Bill 44)] Section 9106 (1)

6 (am) BUILDING COMMISSION

7 1. *Projects financed by general fund supported*
8 *borrowing:*

9 Hmong cultural center -- Milwaukee \$ 3,000,000

10 2. Totals

11 General fund supported borrowing 3,000,000

12 Total -- All sources of funds \$ 3,000,000

13 **SECTION 6.** 2003 Wisconsin Act (Senate Bill 44), section 9106 (8) is created
14 to read:

15 [2003 Wisconsin Act (Senate Bill 44)] Section 9106 (8) ADJUSTMENT OF
16 TOTALS. In the 2003–05 Authorized State Building Program, the appropriate totals
17 are adjusted to reflect the changes made by SECTION 5 of this act.

18 **SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions.**

19 (1) Notwithstanding section 13.48 (36) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act,
20 the building commission shall not make a grant to an organization for construction
21 of the Hmong cultural center project, as enumerated in subsection (1) (hm), under
22 section 13.48 (36) of the statutes, as created by this act, unless the department of
23 administration has reviewed and approved plans for the project. Notwithstanding
24 sections 16.85 (1) and 16.855 (1) of the statutes, the department of administration

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1 shall not supervise any services or work or let any contract for the project. Section
2 16.87 of the statutes does not apply to the project.

3 (END)