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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Forestry

Assembly Bill 316

Relating to: the plan period for county forest land use plans and eligibility for grants for county forest administrators and sustainable forestry.

By Representatives Ainsworth, Friske, Freese, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Hubler, Hundertmark, LeMahieu, Meyer, Musser, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Townsend, Vrakas and Nerison; cosponsored by Senators Kedzie, Grothman and Lassa.

April 12, 2005 Referred to Committee on Forestry.

April 26, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth and Hubler.
Absent: (2) Representatives M. Williams and Boyle.

Appearances For

- John Ainsworth, Madison — Representative, Wisconsin 6th Assembly District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Matt Stohr, Madison — Wisconsin Counties Association

Registrations Against

- None.

April 26, 2005

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (4) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth and Hubler.
Absent: (2) Representatives M. Williams and Boyle.

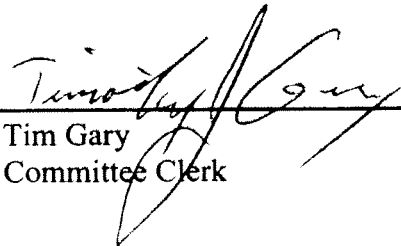
Moved by Representative Hubler, seconded by Representative Ainsworth that **Assembly Bill 316** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (4) Representatives Friske, Mursau, Ainsworth
and Hubler.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Representatives M. Williams and Boyle.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0



Tim Gary
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Forestry

Date: 4-26-05

Moved by: Hubler

Seconded by: Ainsworth

AB 316

SB _____

Clearinghouse Rule _____

AJR _____

SJR _____

Appointment _____

AR _____

SR _____

Other _____

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Be recommended for:

- Passage
 Adoption
 Confirmation
 Concurrence
 Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction
 Rejection
 Tabling
 Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

Representative Donald Friske, Chair

Aye No Absent Not Voting

Representative Jeffrey Mursau

Representative John Ainsworth

Representative Mary Williams

Representative Mary Hubler

Representative Frank Boyle

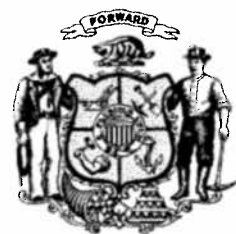
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed




WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Forestry

FROM: Matthew Stohr, Legislative Associate 

DATE: April 26, 2005

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 316

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) strongly supports 2005 Assembly Bill 316 (AB 316), which relates to the plan period for county forest land use plans. AB 316 requires that each county forest land use plan be prepared for a 15 year period rather than a 10 year period, which is current law.

There are many reasons WCA feels AB 316 is good public policy. First, by changing the 10 year period to a 15 year period, AB 316 could potentially save taxpayer money in the Wisconsin counties that have county forests. WCA feels that planning is important to local units of government, however, there are costs associated with any type of planning. AB 316 would reduce county costs by limiting the number of times that counties need to develop county forest plans. In addition, in many cases it takes counties a minimum of two years to draft a new county forest plan and two years to implement the new county forest plan. The more time counties are required to spend working on their plan, the less time county foresters have to do actual field work. To this end, AB 316 would save taxpayer money and it would allow county forestry staff resources to be used more effectively.

Second, the 15 year period required by AB 316 would create consistency between county, state and national forest planning time frames. Both the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service currently use a 15 year period.

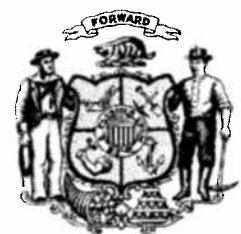
Currently, county forest plans are amended as needed to adapt to developments in information, techniques and technology. AB 316 does not change the county ability to amend county forest plans. It simply changes the period that counties must develop a new plan. Since counties may amend existing plans, WCA feels it makes fiscal sense to increase the county forest plan period from 10 years to 15 years.

WCA respectfully requests that you support AB 316.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the WCA office if you have any questions.



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



MARY WILLIAMS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 87TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Committees: Rural Development (Chair) · Forestry · Natural Resources
Agriculture · Small Business · Rural Affairs & Renewable Energy



April 27, 2005

Representative Don Friske
Chair
Assembly Committee on Forestry
312 North
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Friske,

Due to a previously scheduled commitment in my district, I was unable to attend the Executive Session that took place on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

In accordance with Assembly Rule 11(5)(b), I would respectfully request the committee record to reflect that had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Assembly Bill 316 relating to the plan period for county forest land use plans and eligibility for grants for county forest administrators and sustainable forestry.

Committee recommendation for passage: AYE

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact my office if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary".

Mary Williams
State Representative
87th Assembly District
Member – Committee on Forestry