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Erin Ruby:

This is a redraft of last session's LRB-4589/P1, based on instructions that you provided. I have tried to carry out the intent of the group that is working on this proposal, while using language that can be understood by persons who do not have expertise in the area of agricultural education and workforce development and using the structure that is established by our statutes.

The drafting instructions indicate appropriation amounts for fiscal years 2007-08 through 2011-12 and beyond. Appropriation amounts for sum certain appropriations (which equal the amounts in the chapter 20 appropriation schedule) are established one biennium at a time. Therefore, this draft includes appropriation amounts for 2007-08 and 2008-09. Amounts for future biennia would be established in the budget acts for those biennia.

We use a separate position authorization for each funding source. That is why there are two position authorizations in this draft for the executive director.

The drafting instructions specify that one member of the council should be chosen by the "UW Consortium of Education and Research in Agriculture and Natural Resources." It appears to me, from research on the Internet, that there is a group called the "University of Wisconsin Consortium for Extension and Research in Agriculture and Natural Resources," although the way the name is written varies somewhat. In the statutes, we avoid giving authority to relatively informal groups like this. If the bill referred to the consortium it would be unclear legally which individuals choose this member of the council. It appears from my research that the deans of the relevant educational entities are decision makers for the consortium, so I have drafted this to have the deans choose the member. I checked the Web site of each campus to ensure that the draft uses the correct name for each college and school.

Please let me know if you have questions and contact me with redraft instructions.

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