



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0542/2
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FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

NATURAL RESOURCES

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Current law authorizes the state to incur public debt for certain conservation activities under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program (stewardship program), which is administered by DNR. The state may incur this debt to acquire land for the state for conservation purposes and for property development activities and may award grants or state aid to certain local governmental units and nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire lands for these purposes.

The stewardship program consists of five subprograms one of which is the property development and local assistance subprogram. Current law requires DNR to set aside \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 and \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 under the property development and local assistance subprogram to be obligated for the purpose of infrastructure improvements to the Kettle Moraine Springs fish hatchery.

This bill requires DNR to set aside additional amounts under the property development and local assistance subprogram to be obligated for infrastructure improvements to the Kettle Moraine Springs fish hatchery. Under the bill, DNR is required to set aside an additional \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 and an additional \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-2018 for this purpose.

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:

SECTION 1. 23.0917 (4) (cm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

23.0917 (4) (cm) 4. Infrastructure improvements to the Kettle Moraine Springs fish hatchery. This subdivision does not apply after June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

SECTION 2. 23.1987 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.1987 (1) From the moneys appropriated under s. 20.866 (2) (ta), the department shall set aside \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2014-15 and ~~\$7,000,000 in ending with~~ fiscal year ~~2015-16~~ 2017-18 that may be obligated only for infrastructure improvements to the Kettle Moraine Springs fish hatchery. For purposes of s. 23.0917, moneys obligated under this subsection shall be treated as moneys obligated under the property development and local assistance subprogram under s. 23.0917 (4). Section 23.0917 (5g) does not apply with respect to amounts obligated before July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018, under this subsection.

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