

**2019 DRAFTING REQUEST****Bill**

For: **Todd Novak (608) 266-7502** Drafter: **mpfotenh**  
 By: **Anna Henning** Secondary Drafters:  
 Date: **8/12/2019** May Contact:  
 Same as LRB: **-5275**

Submit via email: **YES**  
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**Pre Topic:**

No specific pre topic given

**Topic:**

Funding for county land and water conservation - Task Force on Water Quality

**Instructions:**

See attached

**Drafting History:**

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**Pfotenhauer, Mary**

**From:** Henning, Anna  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2019 6:10 PM  
**To:** Pfotenhauer, Mary  
**Cc:** Letzing, Rachel; Wolf, Jake  
**Subject:** Drafting request - 1 of 4

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Mary,

As we discussed, I'm submitting a drafting request on behalf of Representative Novak. He would like a preliminary draft that would increase the annual appropriation for county land and water conservation staffing grants to \$12.4 in each fiscal year in the current biennium. The goal of the funding would be to allow sufficient funds to provide the staffing level (an average of three staff persons per county) described in s. 92.14 (6) (b), Stats. I know these grants have been funded with a combination of GPR and nonpoint account revenue in the past, but LFB's budget paper from the 2019 budget indicates that we might need to go heavier on the GPR side. Do you have thoughts about how to structure that split?

I think I mentioned that I will be out next week. Rachel will be in the office starting Wednesday next week. And Jake Wolf is the key staff person on this in the Novak office.

Thanks,  
Anna



**Anna Henning**

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Per LFB:

To avoid negative SEG  
ending balance, recommend  
~ \$1.7 SEG each FY (ge).  
Remainder from GPR.

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**History:** 1971 c. 125, 215; 1973 c. 90, 299, 333; 1975 c. 39 ss. 78m, 79, 79m, 79n, 732 (1); 1975 c. 224; 1975 c. 394 ss. 1, 27; 1977 c. 29 ss. 112 to 115v, 1650m (1), (4), 1654 (1); 1977 c. 87, 106, 181, 418; 1979 c. 34, 129, 221, 289, 335; 1981 c. 20, 66, 93, 283, 346, 357; 1983 a. 27, 132, 368; 1983 a. 410 ss. 5, 2202 (2); 1985 a. 7, 8, 29, 138, 153, 313; 1987 a. 27, 281, 354; 1987 a. 399 ss. 34 to 38, 38u; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1989 a. 31, 219, 227, 282, 284, 335, 336; 1991 a. 39, 269, 309, 315; 1993 a. 16, 166, 243, 437, 456, 497; 1995 a. 27, 42, 79, 460; 1997 a. 27, 192, 252, 264; 1999 a. 5, 9, 55, 185; 2001 a. 16, 38, 56, 103, 109; 2003 a. 33, 38, 133, 326, 327; 2005 a. 25; 2007 a. 20, 125, 223; 2009 a. 28, 90, 145, 293, 401; 2011 a. 32, 278; 2013 a. 20 ss. 201, 202s, 203, 204, 207, 213m; 2013 a. 234, 312; 2015 a. 55, 186; 2017 a. 59, 100, 196, 225, 366; 2019 a. 9; s. 13.92 (2) (i); s. 35.17 correction in (1) (gb).



## **Pfotenhauer, Mary**

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**From:** Wolf, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Pfotenhauer, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: LRB 3915 Revisions

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Mary,

Just the new money will be from GPR. If the existing GPR funding is continuing, let's keep the status quo.

Yes, please add language specifically mentioning the federal CREP program in terms of promoting the program within the county and assisting people with signing up for the program.

Thanks,

Jake Wolf  
Office of State Representative Todd Novak  
51<sup>st</sup> Assembly District  
(608) 266-7502

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**From:** Pfotenhauer, Mary <Mary.Pfotenhauer@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:38 AM  
**To:** Wolf, Jake <Jake.Wolf@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: LRB 3915 Revisions

Hi Jake:

Do you want to make all of the GPR appropriation annual, or just the new money? The existing GPR appropriation is continuing.

There is no definition of conservation staff in the statutes, but there is a list of things that they can do under s. 92.14 (3) (a) (see in particular subd. 5.). Do you want to add something specifically to that list that talks about the federal CREP program? If so, can you clarify what you mean by advocating for the program? Would conservation staff promote the program within the county? Assist people with signing up for the program?

I'm on the assembly floor today until 1:00, otherwise I'm free to talk about this if you want.

Sincerely,

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[mary.pfotenhauer@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:mary.pfotenhauer@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**From:** Wolf, Jake <[Jake.Wolf@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jake.Wolf@legis.wisconsin.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2019 4:55 PM  
**To:** Pfothenauer, Mary <[Mary.Pfothenauer@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Mary.Pfothenauer@legis.wisconsin.gov)>  
**Subject:** LRB 3915 Revisions

Hi Mary,

A few changes to the County Conservation Staffing Draft:

1. All of the new money will come from GPR. No need to use the Environmental Fund
2. Make it an annual appropriation. Is a specific notation needed for the new funding to be built into the base?
3. Is the language in statute defining the job of a county conservationist? If so, could we add language that explicitly mentions advocating for use of the Federal CREP program?

Thanks,

Jake Wolf  
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The bill also provides that county conservation staff funded through this program may promote, and assist people in enrolling in, the conservation reserve enhancement program, which is a joint federal and state program that pays farmers to remove from production land that is environmentally sensitive and that poses a high priority conservation concern and to plant resource conserving plant species on that land.

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6 reserve enhancement program. ✓

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Take @ Novak:

- Add a provision similar to s. 92.14(7) so that a county that is fully funding staff (e.g.) doesn't move that funding in order to get a staffing grant under the draft.

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11 preceding August 1, 2020.

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**From:** Wolf, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 26, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** Pfotenhauer, Mary; Kunkel, Mark; Paczuski, Konrad  
**Cc:** Henning, Anna; Letzing, Rachel  
**Subject:** Changes to Water Quality Task Force Bill Package

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Mary, Mark, and Konrad,

Could we please make the following changes to the drafts listed:

LRB 3915:

1. Change the Maintenance of Effort language to relate to number of positions instead of total dollars expended by the county.

LRB 4717:

1. There seems to be some confusion with regard to the Alliance for Water Stewardship provisions in the bill. I reread the language and it seems to be correct but I want to make sure we are all on the same page. Our intent with this program is for a third party to identify farmers who would be good candidates for this program, however, if a farm wants to apply on their own, this would also be allowed. A third party such as River Alliance would sponsor a producer and front the funding necessary to obtain the certification from the certifier (Alliance for Water Stewardship). The third party would also assist the producer in obtaining the certification to ensure completion. Upon certification, the third party would seek a reimbursement under this program for 50% up to \$10,000 of the cost of the certification. If the producer is sponsoring themselves, they would also be eligible for the reimbursement. Ideally, we would like for the Department to refrain from rulemaking as much as possible as a completed certification should result in a reimbursement. **Please let me know if this is still unclear.**

LRB 4716:

1. The hydrologist position created at WGNHS will be a 3 year project position.
2. Page 4, Line 16 – change “users” to “owners”
3. Page 6, Line 3-6 – Strike this language beginning with “If a county...” We are unsure what this adds.
4. Page 6, Line 8 – Change “Phosphorous” to “Phosphorus.” Change other mentions to the correct spelling.
5. Page 6, Line 13 – “The Board of Regents SHALL not make an allocation...”
6. Since this is a new grant program, let’s change this allocation to be a continuing appropriation.
7. For the grant program, please add language to the effect of “all efforts should be made to make a grant to every county that applies. DNR may not add additional requirements outside those described in the bill.” Our intention is to prevent DNR from getting involved in these studies and requiring burdensome criteria on counties as a prerequisite to receiving funds.

LRB 4751:

1. We would like the grant process to be more collaborative with UW and the Producer. The application process would look like this: The producer applies with their idea and willingness to implement a given practice. The producer collaborates with UW to make adjustments to fit the goals of the academic work taking place. DATCP is only involved to administer the funds. As part of this collaboration, UW would determine the amount of funds needed to support their research for that particular project. This amount can not exceed 20% of the grant amount. **Please call if this is unclear.**

LRB 4304:

1. Revise for the program to be extended only 2 years to 2023.
2. The 2.0FTE plan review staff will be 2 year project positions.
3. Remove any changes to the income eligibility – it should remain at the original level.
4. Remove the septage study
5. Require that DSPS prepare literature to supply to counties to distribute to those receiving public benefits (food share etc.) to notify them that they are eligible for this program. There will be no funding attached to this provision.

LRB 5062:

1. Remove changes to the income eligibility level. The level should stay at \$65,000 as currently in statute.
2. Broaden the range for which filtration should be prioritized from 10ppm to 25ppm.

LRB 4806:

1. **Leg Council Memo Request: Could we get a memo outlining exactly what this bill changes and does not change as well what current procedure is? We anticipate some confusion on this front.**

LRB 3651:

1. There is a typo on Page 3, Line 13 – it should be DNR.
2. Page 2 Line 5, Beginning January 1, 2021
3. Page 2 Line 8, Beginning July 1, 2021

LRB 5061:

1. Please revise the committee makeup as follows:
  - a. Ray Cross or his designee
  - b. UW President Chooses 5 objective water experts and the board of regents chooses two of the five to serve on the committee.
  - c. Senate chooses (1) Ag Representative and (1) Private Industry Representative
  - d. Assembly chooses (1) Ag Representative and (1) Private Industry Representative
  - e. Governor chooses (1) Municipal Water Representative and (1) Private Sector Representative
    - i. Municipal Restriction – Must represent a second class city with a population less than 150,000
2. Include limit of only 6 campuses may receive funds
3. Require passive review process for metrics determining program success. UW System must present their metrics for success to JFC in order to receive funds.
4. Require that as part of the Freshwater Collaborative, a class option must be created for students to participate in a work-study/internship with the office of the water czar. Credits would be assigned and at the discretion of UW.

LRB 4931:

1. The Office of Water Policy will no longer be housed at the PSC. Instead, it will be administratively attached to WGNHS. The position will simply be housed at WGNHS.
2. Language adding responsibility relating to “Blue Accounting” as part of the Great Lakes Commission will also be included in this bill. **I am awaiting language on this.**

Thank you all for your help on this. I anticipate this should be almost all changes to the bills with a few minor tweaks still on their way. If all efforts could be made to have these by January 2, it would be much appreciated. I will be available all day today and until 4:30PM tomorrow to answer any questions related to this email.

Jake Wolf

Office of State Representative Todd Novak

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**Pfotenhauer, Mary**

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**From:** Wolf, Jake  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** Pfotenhauer, Mary; Paczuski, Konrad; Wyatt, Zachary; Kunkel, Mark; Pleviak, Krista  
**Cc:** Abrahamian2, Robby; Conklin, Emily; Novak, Todd; Henning, Anna; Letzing, Rachel  
**Subject:** Water Quality Drafts for Introduction

Mary, Konrad, Zach, Mark, and Krista,

Thank you for all your help on these bills. I would like to request a 10 on the following bill drafts. As soon as possible is best.

LRB 3915

LRB 4717

LRB 4716

LRB 4751

LRB 4304

LRB 4360

LRB 4489

LRB 5062 (I've copied Rep. Shankland's office on this in case you need their permission)

LRB 4806

LRB 3651

LRB 4984

LRB 5061

LRB 4931

Thank you,

Jake Wolf  
Office of State Representative Todd Novak  
51<sup>st</sup> Assembly District  
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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill increases the amount appropriated to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for county conservation staffing under the soil and water resource management program by \$2,960,900 from the general fund in fiscal year 2020-21. The bill provides that, in fiscal year 2020-21, DATCP may not make a grant for county conservation staffing unless the county receiving the grant agrees to maintain the number of its conservation staff at or above the average number of such positions during the two fiscal years preceding August 1, 2020. The bill also provides that county conservation staff funded through this program may promote, and assist people in enrolling in, the conservation reserve enhancement program, which is a joint federal and state program that pays farmers to remove from production land that is environmentally sensitive and that poses a high priority conservation concern and to plant resource conserving plant species on that land.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3 **SECTION 1.** 92.14 (3) (a) 4m. of the statutes is created to read:



1           92.14 (3) (a) 4m. Promoting and assisting with enrollment in the conservation  
2 reserve enhancement program.

3           **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4           (1) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT. In fiscal year 2020-21, the department of  
5 agriculture, trade and consumer protection may not make a grant to a county for the  
6 purpose of funding county land conservation personnel under s. 92.14 (3) (a) unless  
7 that county enters into an agreement with the department to maintain or increase  
8 its number of county land conservation personnel positions at or above the average  
9 number of such positions in its 2 fiscal years preceding August 1, 2020.

10           **SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.**

11           (1) COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING — GENERAL FUND. In the schedule under s.  
12 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of agriculture, trade and  
13 consumer protection under s. 20.115 (7) (c), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21  
14 is increased by \$2,960,900 for support of local land conservation personnel under the  
15 soil and water resource management program under s. 92.14.

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