

2019 DRAFTING REQUEST

Bill

For: Jerry Petrowski (608) 266-2502 Drafter: eshea  
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 Date: 5/23/2019 May Contact:  
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Topic:

Natural flood risk reduction pilot project

Instructions:

See attached

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## Shea, Elisabeth

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**From:** Fiocchi, Tim  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 9:19 AM  
**To:** Shea, Elisabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Co-Sponsorship of LRB-1750/1: Flood risk reduction pilot project and making an appropriation.  
**Attachments:** 19-1750\_1 (2).pdf

**Categories:**

Good morning,

Could you send me a Senate Jacket for this?

Thanks,

Tim

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**From:** Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** \*Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>; \*Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** Co-Sponsorship of LRB-1750/1: Flood risk reduction pilot project and making an appropriation.

To: Legislative Colleagues

From: Representatives Jim Steineke, Beth Meyers and John Nygren  
Senators Jerry Petrowski and Janet Bewley

Date: May 15, 2019

Re: Co-Sponsorship of LRB-1750/1: Flood risk reduction pilot project and making an appropriation.

**Deadline: 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

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With heavy rainfall during the summer of 2018, many communities around the state experienced extensive damage amid historic floods. One of the areas hit hardest was in far northern Wisconsin – where roads, culverts and bridges were damaged, or even washed away, by the rising floodwaters.

While not all of this damage – and it's estimated \$88 million in damages – could have been avoided, improved stream and wetland conditions in the area could have played an important role in minimizing the impact. According to a 2018 study completed in Ashland County, there are a number of shovel-ready projects that could help to increase the natural flood storage capacity within the Marengo River Watershed – an area that is prone to flooding.

The natural infrastructure restoration practices are well-established in other states, but generally underutilized in Wisconsin. Demonstration projects of this sort are needed to show Wisconsin road crews, emergency service managers and resource professionals how and where they can increase natural flood storage capacity to protect vulnerable public infrastructure.

LRB-1750 would provide funds needed to support the design, implementation and evaluation of two to three demonstration projects to test natural flood reduction practices in Ashland County. The results of these projects would then be summarized and provided to the Legislature and to the Division of Emergency Management within the Dept. of Military Affairs to be used as templates and case studies as to how projects of these sorts can be further used around the state.

For further information, please see the Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau below.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, **please respond by email or contact Representative Steineke's office at 266-2401 by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.** All co-sponsors will be added to both Senate and Assembly companion bills unless otherwise requested.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

*This bill appropriates \$150,000 of general purpose revenue and requires the Department of Natural Resources to allocate that money in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium to Ashland County to design, implement, and evaluate not more than three demonstration projects that test natural flood risk reduction practices in that county.*

*The bill provides that allocated money may be used for engineering and design, materials, construction, pre-construction and post-construction monitoring, and project management. Under the bill, DNR must require Ashland County to submit a report no later than June 30, 2021 summarizing the results of its demonstration projects, and DNR must submit to the legislature and to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs a report summarizing the results of the demonstration projects and recommendations for how existing state policies or funding streams could be adapted to create incentives to protect and restore natural infrastructure and reduce floods.*

**Walker, Dan**

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**From:** LRB.Legal  
**To:** Sen.Petrowski  
**Subject:** Draft review: LRB -3383/1  
**Attachments:** 19-3383/1

**State of Wisconsin - Legislative Reference Bureau**  
**One East Main Street - Suite 200 - Madison**

**The attached draft was prepared at your request. Please review it carefully to ensure that it satisfies your intent.** If you have any questions concerning the draft or would like to have it redrafted, please contact Elisabeth Shea, Senior Legislative Attorney, at (608) 504-5885, at [elisabeth.shea@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:elisabeth.shea@legis.wisconsin.gov), or at One East Main Street, Suite 200.

**We will jacket this draft for introduction in the Senate.**

**If a jacket is needed immediately, please let us know in your response e-mail so we know to immediately jacket the proposal for you.**

If the last paragraph of the analysis states that a fiscal estimate will be prepared, the LRB will submit a request to DOA when the draft is introduced. You may obtain a fiscal estimate on the draft prior to introduction by contacting our program assistants at [LRB.Legal@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:LRB.Legal@legis.wisconsin.gov) or at (608) 266-3561. If you requested a fiscal estimate on an earlier version of this draft and would like to obtain a fiscal estimate on the current version before it is introduced, you will need to request a revised fiscal estimate from our program assistants.

**Please call our program assistants at (608) 266-3561 if you have any questions regarding this email.**