

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Agriculture

Assembly Bill 795

Relating to: grants and funding for water stewardship certification, a grazing coordinator position, producer-led watershed protection grants, lake protection, soil and water conservation, and crop insurance premium rebates for cover crops; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Tranel, Kurtz, Tauchen, Krug, Summerfield, Novak, Kitchens, Felzkowski, Shankland, Pope, Hebl, Kulp, Gruszynski, VanderMeer, Anderson, Zimmerman, Considine, Neubauer, Oldenburg, Sargent, Mursau, Ballweg, Doyle, Magnafici, Kolste, Petryk, Plumer, Swearingen, Vining, Stubbs, Subeck, Milroy, Katsma, C. Taylor, Quinn, Spreitzer, Sinicki, Emerson, Zamarripa, Ohnstad, Cabrera, Billings, Vruwink, Born, Ott and Spiros; cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Jacque, Petrowski, Feyen, Olsen, Wanggaard, Wirch and Smith.

January 24, 2020 Referred to Committee on Agriculture

February 04, 2020 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (13) Representative Tauchen; Representatives Novak, Kurtz, Tranel, Kitchens, VanderMeer, Mursau, Edming, Pronschinske, Considine, Vruwink, Kolste and Spreitzer.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (2) Representatives Plumer and L. Myers.

Appearances For

- Kara O'Connor - Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Michael Dolan - Seven Seeds Farm
- Rep. Travis Tranel - 47th District
- Sen Rob Cowles - 2nd Senate District
- Matt Howard - Alliance for Waterstewardship
- David Trimmer - Miltrim Farms
- Michael Thomas - Rivers Alliance of Wisconsin
- Ryan Klussendorf
- Rachel Bouresso
- Dan Meyer - Farm Bureau
- Adam Worhesen - Organic Valley
- Caleb Langworthy
- Mariann Holm
- Kevin Mahalla - Farm
- Michael Engleson - Wisconsin Lakes

- Scott Mericka - WI Farmers Union
- Joel McNair
- Doran Holm - Holm Boys Dairy
- Doug Debout - Wis Corn Growers Assoc

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Sara Walling - DATCP
- Bradford Steine - DATCP
- Carroll Schaal - WI DNR

Registrations For

- Chad Zuleger - Dairy Business Association
- Brian Dake - Wisconsin Independent Business
- Rep. Todd Novak
- Cindy Crane - Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI
- Dean Amhaus - The Water Council
- George Meyer - WI Wildlife Federation
- Bob Welch - Wisconsin Corn Growers
- Rep. Katrina Shankland
- Brandon Scholz - WI Wetlands Association
- Carly Michiels - Clean Wisconsin
- Jennifer Giegerich - WI Conservation Voters
- Erik Kanter - Wisconsin Assoc of Local Health Departments and Boards
- Erik Kanter - WI Public Health Association
- Rebekah Sweeney - WCMA
- Debi Towns - WI Farm Bureau
- Jordan Lamb - WI Association of Professional Ag Consultants
- Jordan Lamb - Wis Cattlemen's Association
- Jordan Lamb - WI Pork Association
- Jordan Lamb - WI Potato and Vegetable Growers
- Jordan Lamb - WI State Cranberry Growers Assn
- Jennifer Wickman - Cooperative Network
- Chad Zuleger - Dairy Business Association
- Matt Krueger - WI Land and Water
- Terry Loeffelholz - LaFayette County LCD
- Melissa Schlupp - Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Dept
- Lynda Schweikert - Grant Co SCLD
- Katie Abbott - Iowa County Land Conservation Dept

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 06, 2020

Executive Session Held

Present: (15) Representative Tauchen; Representatives Novak, Kurtz, Tranel, Kitchens, VanderMeer, Mursau, Edming, Pronschinske, Plumer, Considine, Vruwink, Kolste, Spreitzer and L. Myers.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Kurtz, seconded by Representative Considine that **Assembly Bill 795** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (15) Representative Tauchen; Representatives Novak, Kurtz, Tranel, Kitchens, VanderMeer, Mursau, Edming, Pronschinske, Plumer, Considine, Vruwink, Kolste, Spreitzer and L. Myers.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 15, Noes 0

Craig Arrowood
Committee Clerk