December 17, 2021 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, AGARD, JOHNSON, ERPENBACH, ROYS, L. TAYLOR, LARSON and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives HONG, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HEBL, B. MEYERS, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWIN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism.

AN ACT to create 20.115 (3) (e) and 93.53 of the statutes; relating to: providing grants for food waste reduction pilot projects and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to provide grants for food waste reduction pilot projects that have an objective of preventing food waste, redirecting surplus food to hunger relief organizations, and composting food waste. Under the bill, DATCP must give preference to grant proposals that serve census tracts for which the median household income is below the statewide median household income and in which no grocery store is located. The bill provides $100,000 annually in general purpose revenue funding 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. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
20.115 Agriculture, trade and consumer protection, department of

(3) Agricultural development services

(e) Food waste reduction grants GPR A 100,000 100,000

SECTION 2. 20.115 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (3) (e) Food waste reduction grants. The amounts in the schedule for providing food waste reduction grants under s. 93.53.

SECTION 3. 93.53 of the statutes is created to read:

93.53 Food waste reduction grants. (1) The department shall provide grants for food waste reduction pilot projects that have an objective of preventing food waste, redirecting surplus food to hunger relief organizations, and composting food waste. In awarding grants under this section, the department shall give preference to proposals that serve census tracts for which the median household income is below the statewide median household income and in which no grocery store is located.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules for the administration of this section.

SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.

(1) Special education aid. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by $64,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $64,000, to increase funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88.
(2) UW System; General Program Operations. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021–22 is increased by $16,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $16,000, for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(END)