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AMENDMENT MEMO



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The bill creates a state Nuclear Power Summit Board (the Board) for the purpose of organizing and hosting a Wisconsin nuclear power summit in Madison. The Board's membership must include six voting members, as follows:

- Two members of the Senate, one appointed from each party, as specified in the bill.
- Two members of the Assembly, one appointed from each party, as specified in the bill.
- The chief executive officer (CEO) of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) or the CEO's designee.
- An individual appointed by the Governor.

It also must include certain individuals appointed by the CEO of WEDC, who shall serve as nonvoting members, as follows:

- A representative of the Nuclear Energy Institute or its successor.
- A representative of the Fusion Industry Association or its successor.
- A faculty member in the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics.
- Any other members appointed by the CEO of WEDC in their discretion.

The bill directs the Board to meet at least once in 2025 and at least three times a year thereafter. The summit must be held no later than one month after instruction commences at the new engineering building at UW-Madison. The Board must complete its duties and cease to exist no later than 180 days after the summit.

WEDC must provide administrative support to the Board and expend moneys at the direction of the Board in support of the Board's work, as specified in the bill. The bill creates a new continuing appropriation for these purposes, but it allocates no funds in the upcoming fiscal biennium.

Upon its enactment, the bill would take effect the day after publication, or the second day after publication of the Biennial Budget Act, whichever is later. All provisions of the bill would sunset July 1, 2030.

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The amendment removes the appropriation language from the bill. It also adds a nonvoting member to the Board, who is appointed by the chair of the Public Service Commission. Also, the amendment states that any decision of the Board to direct an expenditure under the bill is final and preempts any authority of the Board of Directors of WEDC to direct the expenditure in a different manner. It also states that moneys expended by WEDC to provide administrative support to the Board may include

WEDC staff time that is requested and used by the Board. Finally, the amendment specifies that WEDC must provide the Board with at least all of the following services at the Board's request:

- Open records and public meeting notice compliance.
- Staffing and other assistance at meetings.
- Accounts receivable and accounts receivable services.
- In connection with the nuclear power summit hosted by the Board—communication services with attendees, communication and coordination with potential and actual event service providers, and on-site event support.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Bradley introduced the bill on March 14, 2025, and offered the amendment to the bill on April 28, 2025. On April 30, 2025, the Senate Committee on Utilities and Tourism held a public hearing on the bill. On May 6, 2025, the committee recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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