



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE AMENDMENT 22,
TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,
TO SENATE BILL 45**

July 2, 2025 - Offered by Senators HESSELBEIN, SMITH, SPREITZER, DRAKE, L. JOHNSON, ROYS, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, HABUSH SINYKIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF and WALL.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

3 **“SECTION 1.** 18.08 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 18.08 (1) (a) (intro.) All moneys resulting from the contracting of public debt
5 or any payment to be received with respect to any agreement or ancillary
6 arrangement entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a) with respect to any such public debt
7 ~~and any moneys transferred under s. 20.370 (5) (hq) or (hr)~~ shall be credited to a
8 separate and distinct fund, established in the state treasury, designated as the
9 capital improvement fund, except that:

10 **SECTION 2.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
11 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2025-26 2026-27

20.370 Natural resources, department of

(5) CONSERVATION AIDS

(ha) Grants to nonprofit conservation

organizations	GPR	C	-0-	5,000,000
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(hb)	Tribal co-management program	GPR	C	-0-	3,000,000
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SECTION 3. 20.370 (5) (ha) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (5) (ha) *Grants to nonprofit conservation organizations.* As a continuing appropriation, from the general fund, the amounts in the schedule for grants to nonprofit conservation organizations under s. 23.0961.

SECTION 4. 20.370 (5) (hb) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (5) (hb) *Tribal co-management program.* As a continuing appropriation, from the general fund, the amounts in the schedule for the tribal co-management program under s. 23.0966.

SECTION 5. 20.370 (5) (hq) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (5) (hq) *Department land acquisition.* ~~From~~ As a continuing appropriation, from the moneys received by the department for forestry activities, the amounts in the schedule for ~~transfer to the capital improvement fund~~ the purposes specified in s. 23.09 (2) (d).

SECTION 6. 20.370 (5) (hr) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.370 (5) (hr) *County forest grants.* ~~From~~ As a continuing appropriation,
from the moneys received by the department for forestry activities, the amounts in
the schedule for ~~transfer to the capital improvement fund~~ grants to counties under
s. 23.0953.

1 **SECTION 7.** 20.866 (2) (ta) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.866 (2) (ta) *Natural resources; Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson*
3 *stewardship 2000 program.* From the capital improvement fund a sum sufficient
4 for the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson stewardship 2000 program under s.
5 23.0917. The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed
6 ~~\$1,046,250,000~~ \$1,876,250,000 for this program. The state may contract additional
7 public debt in an amount up to \$42,600,000 for this program. The state may
8 contract additional public debt in an amount up to \$90,000,000. Except as provided
9 in s. 23.0917 (4g) (b), (4m) (k), (5), (5g), and (5m), the amounts obligated, as defined
10 in s. 23.0917 (1) (e), under this paragraph may not exceed \$46,000,000 in fiscal year
11 2000-01, may not exceed \$46,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02, may not exceed
12 \$60,000,000 in each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2002-03 and ending with
13 fiscal year 2009-10, may not exceed \$86,000,000 in fiscal year 2010-11, may not
14 exceed \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2011-12, may not exceed \$60,000,000 in fiscal year
15 2012-13, may not exceed \$47,500,000 in fiscal year 2013-14, may not exceed
16 \$54,500,000 in fiscal year 2014-15, and may not exceed \$33,250,000 in each fiscal
17 year beginning with 2015-16 and ending with fiscal year 2021-22. Except as
18 provided in s. 23.0917 (4g) (b), (4m) (f) and (k), (5g), and (5m), the amounts
19 obligated, as defined in s. 23.0917 (1) (e), under this paragraph cannot exceed
20 \$33,250,000 in each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2022-23 and ending with
21 fiscal year 2025-26. Except as provided in s. 23.0917 (4g) (b), (4m) (f) and (k), (5g),
22 and (5m), the amounts obligated, as defined in s. 23.0917 (1) (e), under this
23 paragraph may not exceed \$83,000,000 in each fiscal year beginning with fiscal
24 year 2026-27 and ending with fiscal year 2035-36.

1 **SECTION 8.** 23.0917 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 23.0917 (2) (a) 2. A subprogram for state property development and local
3 ~~assistance~~ parks and recreation.

4 **SECTION 9.** 23.0917 (2) (a) 3m. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 23.0917 (2) (a) 3m. A subprogram for ~~recreational boating aids~~ local
6 recreation boat facilities.

7 **SECTION 10.** 23.0917 (2) (a) 3r. of the statutes is created to read:

8 23.0917 (2) (a) 3r. A subprogram for motorized recreation.

9 **SECTION 11.** 23.0917 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 23.0917 (3) (a) Beginning with fiscal year 2000-01 and ending with fiscal year
11 ~~2025-26~~ 2035-36, the department may obligate moneys under the subprogram for
12 land acquisition to acquire land for the purposes specified in s. 23.09 (2) (d) and
13 grants for these purposes under s. 23.096, except as provided under ss. 23.197 (2m),
14 (3m) (b), (7m), and (8) and 23.198 (1) (a).

15 **SECTION 12.** 23.0917 (3) (br) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

16 23.0917 (3) (br) 3. For each fiscal year beginning with 2026-27 and ending
17 with 2035-36, \$14,000,000.

18 **SECTION 13.** 23.0917 (3) (bt) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

19 23.0917 (3) (bt) 4. For each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2026-27 and
20 ending with fiscal year 2035-36, \$1,000,000.

21 **SECTION 14.** 23.0917 (3) (bw) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 23.0917 (3) (bw) 2. In obligating moneys under the subprogram for land
23 acquisition, for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2022-23 and ending with
24 fiscal year 2025-26, the department shall set aside the amount transferred to the

capital improvement fund under s. 20.370 (5) (hr), 2023 stats., in that fiscal year to be obligated only to provide grants to counties under s. 23.0953.

SECTION 15. 23.0917 (3) (dm) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

23.0917 (3) (dm) 9. For each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2026-27 and ending with fiscal year 2035-36, \$15,000,000.

SECTION 16. 23.0917 (4) (title), (a) and (b) (intro.) of the statutes are amended to read:

23.0917 (4) (title) ~~PROPERTY STATE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE PARKS AND RECREATION~~ SUBPROGRAM. (a) Beginning with fiscal year 2000-01 and ending with fiscal year ~~2025-26~~ 2035-36, the department may obligate moneys under the subprogram for state property development and local ~~assistance~~ parks and recreation. Moneys obligated under this subprogram may be only used for nature-based outdoor recreation, except as provided under par. (cm).

(b) (intro.) The purposes for which moneys may be obligated for local assistance under the subprogram for state property development and local ~~assistance~~ parks and recreation are the following:

SECTION 17. 23.0917 (4) (c) (intro.) and (cm) (intro.) of the statutes are amended to read:

23.0917 (4) (c) (intro.) The purposes for which moneys may be obligated for property development under the subprogram for state property development and local ~~assistance~~ parks and recreation are the following:

(cm) (intro.) Notwithstanding the purposes for which the department is authorized to obligate moneys under pars. (a), (b), and (c), the department may

1 obligate moneys under the subprogram for state property development and local
2 ~~assistance~~ parks and recreation for any of the following purposes:

3 **SECTION 18.** 23.0917 (4) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 23.0917 (4) (d) (intro.) In obligating moneys under the subprogram for state
5 property development and local ~~assistance~~ parks and recreation, all of the following
6 shall apply:

7 **SECTION 19.** 23.0917 (4) (d) 1m. g. of the statutes is created to read:

8 23.0917 (4) (d) 1m. g. For each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2026-27
9 and ending with fiscal year 2035-36, \$54,000,000.

10 **SECTION 20.** 23.0917 (4) (d) 2m. c. of the statutes is created to read:

11 23.0917 (4) (d) 2m. c. Beginning with fiscal year 2026-27 and ending with
12 fiscal year 2035-36, the department shall obligate \$36,050,000 in each fiscal year
13 for local assistance.

14 **SECTION 21.** 23.0917 (4) (d) 3. d. of the statutes is created to read:

15 23.0917 (4) (d) 3. d. Beginning with fiscal year 2026-27 and ending with fiscal
16 year 2035-36, \$17,950,000.

17 **SECTION 22.** 23.0917 (4) (e) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 23.0917 (4) (e) (intro.) Beginning with fiscal year 2022-23 and ending with
19 fiscal year ~~2025-26~~ 2035-36, of the amounts obligated for property development, the
20 department shall set aside the following amounts for the following purposes:

21 **SECTION 23.** 23.0917 (4) (e) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 23.0917 (4) (e) 1. For grants under s. 23.098, ~~\$500,000~~ \$2,500,000 in each
23 fiscal year.

1 **SECTION 24.** 23.0917 (4j) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to
2 read:

3 23.0917 (**4j**) (title) LOCAL RECREATION BOAT FACILITIES.

4 **SECTION 25.** 23.0917 (4j) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 23.0917 (**4j**) (b) For fiscal year 2007-08, the department may not obligate
6 more than \$1,500,000 for cost-sharing with local governmental units for
7 recreational boating projects under s. 30.92. For each fiscal year beginning with
8 fiscal year 2008-09 and ending with fiscal year 2021-22, the department may not
9 obligate more than \$2,500,000 for cost-sharing with local governmental units for
10 recreational boating projects under s. 30.92. For each fiscal year beginning with
11 fiscal year 2022-23 and ending with fiscal year 2025-26, the department cannot
12 obligate more than \$3,000,000 for cost-sharing with local governmental units for
13 recreational boating projects under s. 30.92. For each fiscal year beginning with
14 fiscal year 2026-27 and ending with fiscal year 2035-36, the department may not
15 obligate more than \$9,000,000 for cost-sharing with local governmental units for
16 recreational boating projects under s. 30.92.

17 **SECTION 26.** 23.0917 (4r) of the statutes is created to read:

18 23.0917 (**4r**) MOTORIZED RECREATION. For each fiscal year beginning with
19 fiscal year 2026-27 and ending with fiscal year 2035-36, the department may
20 obligate \$5,000,000 for grants under s. 23.0952.

21 **SECTION 27.** 23.0917 (5g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 23.0917 (**5g**) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) to (j), if for a given fiscal year,
23 the department obligates an amount from the moneys appropriated under s. 20.866
24 (2) (ta) for a subprogram under sub. (3) or (4) that is less than the annual bonding

1 authority under that subprogram for that given fiscal year, the department may not
2 obligate the unobligated amount in subsequent fiscal years. This subsection
3 applies beginning with fiscal year 2011-12 and ending with fiscal year ~~2025-26~~
4 2035-36.

5 **SECTION 28.** 23.0917 (7) (e) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

6 23.0917 (7) (e) 3. Subdivision 1. does not apply beginning with fiscal year
7 2026-27.

8 **SECTION 29.** 23.0917 (8) (f) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 23.0917 (8) (f) 2. Beginning with fiscal year 2013-14 and ending with fiscal
10 year 2025-26, of the amount set aside for a given fiscal year under sub. (3) (bt), not
11 more than one-third of that amount may be obligated for the purpose of the
12 acquisition of land by the department.

13 **SECTION 30.** 23.0917 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 23.0917 (12) EXPENDITURES AFTER 2026. No moneys may be obligated from
15 the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (ta) after June 30, ~~2026~~ 2036.

16 **SECTION 31.** 23.0952 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **23.0952 Motorized recreation grants.** (1) In this section:

18 (a) "All-terrain vehicle trail" has the meaning given in s. 23.33 (1) (d).

19 (b) "Land" means land in fee simple or an easement.

20 (c) "Off-highway motorcycle trail" has the meaning given in s. 23.335 (1) (v).

21 (d) "Recreational vehicle club" means an all-terrain vehicle club, as defined
22 under s. 23.33 (1) (bc), a utility terrain vehicle club, as defined under s. 23.33 (1)
23 (nh), an off-highway motorcycle association, as defined under s. 23.335 (1) (qm), or
24 a snowmobile club, as defined under s. 350.12 (3j) (bg) 1.

(e) "Snowmobile trail" has the meaning given in s. 350.01 (17).

(2) Beginning with fiscal year 2026-27 and ending with fiscal year 2035-36, the department shall establish a grant program under which the department may award a grant to a county, city, village, town, or recreational vehicle club for any of the following purposes:

(a) To acquire land for the purpose of establishing an all-terrain vehicle trail, off-highway motorcycle trail, or snowmobile trail.

(b) To construct a trail crossing for an all-terrain vehicle trail, off-highway motorcycle trail, or snowmobile trail as part of an interchange project.

(3) Grants under this section shall be awarded from the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (ta), and the department shall allocate a total of \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2026-27 for these grants. For purposes of s. 23.0917, grants awarded under this section shall be treated as moneys obligated from the subprogram under s. 23.0917 (4r).

(4) A grant recipient may not convert the land, or any rights in the land, acquired with grant moneys awarded under this section to a use that is inconsistent with the type of trail for which the grant was awarded unless the natural resources board approves the conversion.

SECTION 32. 23.096 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.096 (title) ~~Grants~~ **Stewardship grants to nonprofit conservation organizations.**

SECTION 33. 23.096 (2m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.096 **(2m)** (intro.) Notwithstanding sub. (2) (b), in each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2010-11 and ending with fiscal year ~~2025-26~~ 2035-36, the

1 department may award grants under this section that equal up to 75 percent of the
2 acquisition costs of the property if the natural resources board determines that all
3 of the following apply:

4 **SECTION 34.** 23.0961 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **23.0961 Grants to nonprofit conservation organizations.** The
6 department may award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (ha) to
7 nonprofit conservation organizations to support wildlife and habitat management.

8 **SECTION 35.** 23.0966 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **23.0966 Tribal co-management program.** The department shall establish
10 a program under which it coordinates with the federally recognized American
11 Indian tribes or bands domiciled in this state in the management of education
12 infrastructure, land management activities, and other activities on department
13 land, as defined under s. 23.0917 (1) (c).

14 **SECTION 36.** 23.098 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 23.098 (2) The department shall establish a program to make grants from the
16 appropriations under s. 20.866 (2) (ta) and (tz) to friends groups and nonprofit
17 conservation organizations for projects for property development activities on
18 department properties. The department may not encumber more than ~~\$500,000~~
19 \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year for these grants.

20 **SECTION 37.** 23.098 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 23.098 (4) (b) The department may not encumber more than ~~\$20,000~~ \$50,000
22 for grants under this section for a department property in each fiscal year.

23 **SECTION 38.** 23.1987 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 23.1987 (1) From the moneys appropriated under s. 20.866 (2) (ta), the

1 department shall set aside \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 that may be obligated
2 only for infrastructure improvements to the Kettle Moraine Springs fish hatchery.
3 For purposes of s. 23.0917, moneys obligated under this subsection shall be treated
4 as moneys obligated under the ~~property development and local assistance~~
5 subprogram under s. 23.0917 (4). Section 23.0917 (5g) does not apply with respect
6 to amounts obligated before July 1, 2018, under this subsection.

7 **SECTION 39.** 23.33 (1) (nh) of the statutes is created to read:

8 23.33 (1) (nh) "Utility terrain vehicle club" means a club consisting of
9 individuals that promotes the recreational use of utility terrain vehicles.

10 **SECTION 40.** 30.92 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 41.** 30.92 (3) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 30.92 (3) (b) 5. Projects ~~underway~~ in a state of readiness.

13 **SECTION 42.** 30.92 (4) (b) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 30.92 (4) (b) 2. a. The department may cost-share, with the approval of the
15 commission, with a qualified lake association or an affected governmental unit,
16 including itself, at a rate of up to 50 percent of any construction, acquisition,
17 rehabilitation, ~~feasibility study~~ or other project costs or any combination of these
18 costs, for the recreational boating project if the costs are the type that qualify for
19 funding under this section.

20 **SECTION 43.** 30.92 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 44.** 30.92 (4) (b) 6m. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 30.92 (4) (b) 6m. Notwithstanding subd. 6., the department, with the
23 approval of the commission, may reallocate for expenditure for recreational boating
24 aids without complying with the percentages under subd. 6. any state funds that

are not encumbered for expenditure for a fiscal year before the first day of the 4th
3rd quarter of that fiscal year.

SECTION 9232. Fiscal changes; Natural Resources.

(1) TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE CONSERVATION FUND.

In fiscal year 2026-27, there is transferred from the capital improvement fund to the forestry account of the conservation fund an amount equal to the difference between the following:

(a) The total amount transferred to the capital improvement fund under s. 20.370 (5) (hq) and (hr), 2023 stats., in fiscal years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26.

(b) The total amount obligated under s. 23.0917 (3) (bt) 3. and (bw) 2. in fiscal years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 minus \$4,000,000.

(2) DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of natural resources under s. 20.370 (5) (hq), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.

SECTION 9432. Effective dates; Natural Resources.

(1) TRANSFERS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. The treatment of ss. 18.08 (1) (a) (intro.) and 20.370 (5) (hq) and (hr) takes effect on July 1, 2026.”.

(END)