



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0456/1
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DOA:.....Ley, BB0164 – Contaminated sediment removal

FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Current law authorizes DNR to pay a portion of the costs of a project to remove contaminated sediment from Lake Michigan or Lake Superior, or a tributary of either lake, if the project is in a body of water that DNR has identified under the federal Clean Water Act as being impaired and the impairment is caused by contaminated sediment. This bill authorizes DNR to pay a portion of the costs of a project to remove contaminated sediment from any waters of the state, if the project is in a body of water that DNR has identified under the federal Clean Water Act as being impaired and the impairment is caused by contaminated sediment.

This bill also increases the general obligation bonding authority for sediment removal projects by \$5,000,000.

For further information see the *state and local* 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. 20.866 (2) (ti) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.866 (2) (ti) *Natural resources; contaminated sediment removal.* From the capital improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the department of natural resources to fund removal of contaminated sediment under s. 281.87. The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed ~~\$32,000,000~~ \$37,000,000 for this purpose.

SECTION 2. Subchapter VII (title) of chapter 281 [precedes 281.81] of the statutes is amended to read:

CHAPTER 281

SUBCHAPTER VII

~~GREAT LAKES REMEDIAL ACTION~~

SECTION 3. 281.87 of the statutes is amended to read:

281.87 ~~Great Lakes contaminated~~ Contaminated sediment removal.

The department may expend funds from the appropriation under s. 20.866 (2) (ti) to pay a portion of the costs of a project to remove contaminated sediment from ~~Lake Michigan or Lake Superior or a tributary of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior~~ any waters of the state, if the project is in an impaired water body that the department has identified under [33 USC 1313](#) (d) (1) (A) and the source of the impairment is contaminated sediment.

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