



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0372/P2
ARG:skw

DOA:.....Mott, BB0080 - Freshwater collaborative

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

UW freshwater collaborative

This bill provides funding for a UW freshwater collaborative involving each UW institution. Freshwater collaborative funding shall be used to devise new watercentric training programs focused on undergraduates; provide scholarships and student support to retain and attract new talent; amplify marketing and recruiting relating to Wisconsin's role in freshwater science; enhance workforce development programming; and recruit new faculty and staff to advance training programs, research, and innovation.

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. 20.285 (1) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

20.285 (1) (ar) *Freshwater collaborative*. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule to provide funding for a freshwater collaborative under s. 36.25 (16).

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 36.25 (16) of the statutes is created to read:

36.25 (16) FRESHWATER COLLABORATIVE. From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (ar), the board shall fund a freshwater collaborative and shall allocate funding to each institution for this purpose. Freshwater collaborative funding shall be used to do the following:

- (a) Devise new watercentric training programs focused on undergraduates.
- (b) Provide scholarships and student support to retain and attract new talent.
- (c) Amplify marketing and recruiting relating to Wisconsin's role in freshwater science, including branding Wisconsin as the "Silicon Valley of Water."
- (d) Enhance workforce development programming.
- (e) Recruit new faculty and staff to advance training programs, research, and innovation.

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