



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Potts, BB0320 - County conservation staffing grant for climate change

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

AGRICULTURE

County land conservation staff for climate change activities

Under current law, as part of the Soil and Water Resource Management program, DATCP provides funding to counties for county conservation staffing. Current law specifies the activities that county conservation staff may engage in with funding provided under this program. The bill provides that this program may be used to fund county conservation staff who focus on climate change and climate change resiliency. The bill also creates a new appropriation specifically for this purpose. A county that seeks funding for this purpose must specifically indicate so in its annual grant request.

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. 20.115 (7) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (7) (f) *Soil and water management; climate change personnel.* The amounts in the schedule for support of county land conservation personnel under the soil and water resource management program for the purpose described under s. 92.14 (3) (a) 4m.

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

SECTION 2. 92.14 (3) (a) 4m. of the statutes is created to read:

92.14 (3) (a) 4m. County land conservation personnel who primarily focus on climate change and climate change resiliency.

SECTION 3. 92.14 (5r) of the statutes is amended to read:

92.14 (5r) ANNUAL GRANT REQUEST. Every land conservation committee shall prepare annually a grant request that describes the land and water resource staffing needs and activities to be undertaken or funded by the county under this chapter and ss. 281.65 and 281.66 and the funding needed for those purposes. The grant request shall specifically state any request for funding for climate change personnel under sub. (3) (a) 4m. The grant request shall be consistent with the county's plan under s. 92.10. The land conservation committee shall submit the grant request to the department.

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