



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1302/P2
JAM:cdc

DOA:.....Hutter, BB0252 - Water stewardship grants

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Water stewardship certification

The bill creates a grant program under which DATCP may provide grants to reimburse the costs for agricultural producers to apply for a certification of water stewardship from the Alliance for Water Stewardship. The grants must be made directly to the producer, and may not be used to pay the costs of operational changes needed to achieve certification.

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. 20.115 (4) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.115 (4) (cm) *Water stewardship certification grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for water certification grants under s. 93.475.

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

SECTION 2. 93.475 of the statutes is created to read:

93.475 Water stewardship certification grant program. The department may award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.115 (4) (cm) to agricultural producers to reimburse the amounts that a producer pays to the Alliance for Water Stewardship to obtain a certification of water stewardship. The department shall award grants under this section directly to the agricultural producer. Grants under this section may not be used to reimburse any costs of operational changes needed to obtain the certification of water stewardship.

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