



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 385	Senate Amendment 1
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2013 Senate Bill 385 relates to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) officers, committees, and reporting obligations.

WEDC Board Authorization to Delegate Powers or Duties to a Committee

Under **current law**, any power or duty assigned by law to WEDC is to be exercised by the board of the WEDC (board), unless the board delegates the power or duty to a WEDC employee. **Senate Bill 385** authorizes the WEDC board to delegate any power or duty to a committee created by the board. **Senate Amendment 1** does not affect this part of the bill.

Selection of WEDC Officers

Under **current law**, the Governor appoints the chief executive officer of WEDC, with the advice and consent of the Senate. **Senate Bill 385** provides that the board is required to hire the chief executive officer, a chief operating officer, and a chief financial officer for WEDC. Under the bill, these officers serve at the pleasure of the board. In addition, the bill requires the Governor to coordinate with the chief executive officer as if he or she were the secretary of a department in the executive branch.

Under **Senate Amendment 1**, rather than being directly hired by the board, the chief executive officer of WEDC is nominated by the board. The chief executive officer may then, with the advice and consent of the Senate, be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the board.

Bill History

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Leibham. On March 18, 2014, the Senate adopted the Senate Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Senate Bill 385, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 30; Noes, 2.

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