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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Senate Bill 252**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 2**

### 2019 SENATE BILL 252

2019 Senate Bill 252 creates a new appropriation and requires that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium for the design, implementation, and evaluation of up to three natural flood risk reduction demonstration projects. The county must submit a report summarizing the results of the projects to DNR by June 30, 2021.

The bill also requires DNR to submit a report to the Legislature and to the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Military Affairs that includes a summary of the demonstration project results and recommendations for how state policies or funding streams could be adapted to create incentives to protect and restore natural infrastructure and reduce floods.

### SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 requires DNR to allocate \$150,000 to Ashland County in the current fiscal biennium for the flood risk demonstration projects described above and increases an existing appropriation from the environmental fund by that amount for the purpose of making the allocation. The substitute amendment requires Ashland County to submit a progress report summarizing its results to date to DNR no later than June 30, 2021. The substitute amendment retains the requirement that DNR must submit a report to the Legislature and the Division of Emergency Management.

### BILL HISTORY

Senate Bill 252 was introduced by Senator Petrowski and others on May 30, 2019. On June 18, 2019, Senator Petrowski offered Senate Amendment 1, which revised the reporting requirement to direct Ashland County to submit a **progress** report summarizing its **results to date** to DNR no later than June 30, 2021. On June 20, 2019, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 252, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

On November 4, 2019, the Joint Committee on Finance introduced Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and voted to recommend its adoption on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4, and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 is identical to Senate Substitute Amendment 2, described above, except it does not make an appropriation.

Senator Petrowski offered Senate Substitute Amendment 2 on January 6, 2020. On January 21, 2020, the Senate voted to lay Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on the table and to adopt Senate Substitute Amendment 2, both on voice votes. The Senate then passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 33; Noes, 0.

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