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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 943

March 9, 2004 - Introduced by Representative RICHARDS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AN ACT **relating to:** the expenditure of \$5,910,212 from the general fund in payment of a claim against the state made by John C. Koshick.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs expenditure of \$5,910,212 from the general fund in payment of a claim made by John C. Koshick against the State Fair Park Board (board). The claimant, who is a producer and promoter of entertainment events, alleges that he entered into an oral agreement with the board to hold the Milwaukee Metalfest concert series at the State Fair Park on July 30–31, 1999. On July 1, 1999, the board informed the claimant that Metalfest would not be held at the park. The claimant was then required to relocate Metalfest to an alternate site. The claimant claimed \$51,212 in increased costs and \$5,859,000 in lost revenues resulting from the relocation. The board concedes that it entered into discussions with the claimant about the proposed event but maintains that necessary details were never finalized, that there was no written agreement, and that the claimed damages have not been proven. The Claims Board recommended denial of this claim on March 6, 2000. See 1999 Senate Journal, p. 485.

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:

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SECTION 1. Claim against the state. There is directed to be expended from the appropriation under section 20.505 (4) d) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2003, \$5,910,212 in payment of a claim against the state made by John C. Koshick, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to compensate the claimant for damages incurred and revenues lost as the result of cancellation of an oral contract between the claimant and the state fair park board to hold a concert series at the state fair park in July 1999. Acceptance of this payment releases this state and its officers, employees, and agents from any further liability resulting from damages incurred and revenues lost by the claimant as a result of cancellation of this contract.

10 (END)