

WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Fabrication Laboratories Grant Program

Motion:

Move to require the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to allocate funding of at least \$500,000 in 2019-20 and 2020-21 from its economic development fund operations and programs SEG appropriation to implement a program substantially similar to the fabrication laboratory grant program created under 2015 Act 55.

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Note:

WEDC was provided \$500,000 GPR in 2015-16, pursuant to Act 55, to develop and implement a program to make grants to eligible recipients for purchases of equipment used in fabrication laboratories for instructional and educational purposes by grade school, junior high school, and high school students.

The statutes that created the fabrication laboratory grant program were repealed under 2017 Act 59, which instead required that WEDC continue to provide funding of at least \$500,000 in 2017-18 and 2018-19 from either its operations and programs GPR appropriation or its economic development fund operations and programs SEG appropriation to implement a program substantially similar to the Act 55 program.

Similar to Act 59, the motion would require WEDC to provide at least \$500,000 SEG in 2019-20 and 2020-21 to continue a fabrication laboratory program substantially similar to the program under section 238.145, 2015 stats., from its economic development fund operations and programs SEG appropriation. There is no estimated fiscal effect as no new funding would be provided to that appropriation.