



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 56

May 15, 2025 - Offered by Senators RATCLIFF, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, L. JOHNSON, KEYESKI, LARSON, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER, WALL and WIRCH.

AN ACT *to create* 13.48 (26m), 20.320 (2) (a) and 281.61 (8) (b) of the statutes;

relating to: lead service line replacement loans and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a continuing appropriation from the general fund to the environmental improvement program for projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to replace lead service lines.

Under current law, the Department of Administration and the Department of Natural Resources administer the safe drinking water loan program (SDWLP), which provides financial assistance from the environmental improvement program to local governmental units and to the private owners of community water systems that serve local governmental units for projects for the planning, designing, construction, or modification of public water systems. DNR establishes a funding list for SDWLP projects and DOA allocates funding for those projects.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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20.320 Environmental improvement program

(2) SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM OPERATIONS

(a) Lead service line replacement GPR C 200,000,000 -0-

SECTION 2. 13.48 (26m) of the statutes is created to read:

13.48 **(26m)** LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT. The legislature finds and determines that the prevalence of lead service lines in connections to public water systems poses a public health hazard and that processes for reducing lead entering drinking water from such pipes requires additional treatment of wastewater. It is therefore in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this state, to assist private users of public water systems in replacing lead service lines.

SECTION 3. 20.320 (2) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

20.320 **(2)** (a) *Lead service line replacement.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for lead service line replacement loans under s. 281.61 (8) (b).

SECTION 4. 281.61 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

281.61 **(8)** (b) The department of administration shall allocate the amount appropriated under s. 20.320 (2) (a) to projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to replace lead service lines.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

SECTION 5

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2025 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

(END)