



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 253

March 23, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives OURADA, SERATTI, HANDRICK, BOYLE, GARD, FREESE, AINSWORTH, ZUKOWSKI and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 86.315 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** aids for county forest
2 roads and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county forest road aid program assists counties with the costs of improving public roads in county forests. The roads must meet the roadway width and surface width design standards prescribed for local service, intermittent traffic town roads but may not be state trunk highways or any county trunk highway or town road for which local transportation aid is paid. The aid program provides \$200 per mile of qualifying road designated in the comprehensive county land use plan approved by the county board and the department of natural resources. The aids are paid annually by the department of transportation.

This bill increases the county forest road aid rate per mile from \$200 to \$600.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 86.315 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 86.315 (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (1) (fu), the department
5 shall annually, on March 10, pay to counties having county forests established under
6 ch. 28, for the improvement of public roads within the county forests which are open
7 and used for travel and which are not state or county trunk highways or town roads
8 and for which no aids are paid under s. 86.30, the amount of ~~\$200~~ \$600 per mile of

1 road designated in the comprehensive county forest land use plan as approved by the
2 county board and the department of natural resources. If the amount appropriated
3 under s. 20.395 (1) (fu) is insufficient to make the ~~\$200~~ \$600 per mile payments under
4 this subsection, the department shall prorate the amount appropriated in the
5 manner it deems desirable.

6 **SECTION 2. Appropriation changes; transportation.**

7 (1) COUNTY FOREST ROAD AIDS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the
8 statutes for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section
9 20.395 (1) (fu) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is
10 increased by \$307,900 for fiscal year 1995-96 and the dollar amount is increased by
11 \$307,900 for fiscal year 1996-97 to increase funding for county forest road aids under
12 section 86.315 of the statutes, as affected by this act.

13 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

14 (1) This act takes effect on the day after the effective date of the 1995-97
15 biennial budget act or the day after publication, whichever is later.

16 (END)