



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 437

June 8, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives AINSWORTH, LORGE, OTT, ALBERS, FREESE, DUFF, LEHMAN, HUTCHISON, GREEN, OWENS, KREIBICH, GOETSCH, SILBAUGH, GUNDERSON, OLSEN, KLUSMAN and ZUKOWSKI, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on Rural Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 560.17 (1) (d) 2. and 560.17 (6m) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 changes in the rural economic development program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the department of development's rural economic development program in current law, the rural economic development board (board) may award a grant or loan to a business that has fewer than 25 employees and that is located in a rural municipality, defined as a city, village or town that has a population of 4,000 or less or that is located in a county with a population density of less than 150 persons per square mile. The program has 2 parts. Under the first part, the recipient business must use the grant or loan for start-up costs. Under the 2nd part, a business that received a grant or loan under the first part of the program may receive a grant or loan for working capital or fixed asset financing or both. Under both parts, the recipient business may be required by the board to contribute a portion of the cost of the project. The contribution may be in cash or in-kind services. The board determines what in-kind services fulfill the requirement.

This bill changes the definition of rural municipality to include a city, village or town that has a population of 10,000 or less. The bill also provides that if the board requires a contribution from a recipient business, the board shall determine whether the contribution may be in cash or in-kind services.

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.** 560.17 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

