



2013 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 8

May 7, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives BARCA, JORGENSEN, ZAMARRIPA, POPE, WRIGHT, SARGENT, BARNES, C. TAYLOR, BERCEAU, RINGHAND, SINICKI, KAHL, DOYLE, SMITH, GENRICH, BERNARD SCHABER, OHNSTAD, BEWLEY, RICHARDS, YOUNG, KOLSTE, GOYKE, BILLINGS, KESSLER, PASCH, VRUWINK, HINTZ, HEBL, CLARK, DANOU, MASON, WACHS, SHANKLAND and JOHNSON. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

- 1 **Relating to:** requiring the speaker of the assembly to appoint a special committee
2 to devise ways to ensure that the Wisconsin Economic Development
3 Corporation follow state law.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The resolution requires the speaker of the assembly to immediately appoint a special committee, consisting of an equal number of majority and minority party members, to devise ways to ensure that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) follow state law in implementing all programs for which it has statutory authority. In a May 2013 report, as stated in the letter of transmittal, the Legislative Audit Bureau found that “WEDC did not have sufficient policies, including some that are statutorily required, to administer its programs effectively . . . [,] that WEDC awarded some grants, loans, and tax credits to ineligible recipients, for ineligible projects, and for amounts that exceeded specified limits . . . [, and that] WEDC did not consistently perform statutorily required program oversight duties.”

Under the resolution, the committee must deliver its findings to WEDC before September 1, 2013, and must conduct hearings beginning on January 1, 2014, to determine if WEDC is following state law in implementing all programs for which it has statutory authority.

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- 4 **Resolved by the assembly, That** in light of the findings by the Legislative
5 Audit Bureau, in the May 2013 Report 13-7, that the Wisconsin Economic

1 Development Corporation (WEDC) “did not have sufficient policies, including some
2 that are statutorily required, to administer its programs effectively . . . [,] that WEDC
3 awarded some grants, loans, and tax credits to ineligible recipients, for ineligible
4 projects, and for amounts that exceeded specified limits . . . [, and that] WEDC did
5 not consistently perform statutorily required program oversight duties,” the speaker
6 of the assembly shall immediately appoint a special committee, consisting of an
7 equal number of members of the majority and minority parties, to devise ways to
8 ensure that WEDC follow state law in implementing all programs for which it has
9 statutory authority. The committee shall deliver its findings to WEDC before
10 September 1, 2013, and shall conduct hearings beginning on January 1, 2014, to
11 determine if WEDC is following state law in implementing all programs for which
12 it has statutory authority.

13 (END)