



## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 207

May 10, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives TRANEL, SUMMERFIELD, TAUCHEN, ZIMMERMAN, EDMING, KERKMAN, KITCHENS, KULP, KURTZ, MURPHY, MURSAU, NOVAK, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, PLUMER, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, THIESFELDT, TUSLER and VANDERMEER, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, TESTIN, BERNIER, DARLING, FEYEN, OLSEN and PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.285 (1) (er) and 36.25 (59) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             creating and funding a University of Wisconsin Dairy Innovation Hub and  
3             making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to create a UW Dairy Innovation Hub. The bill provides \$7,900,000 each year to the UW System to fund the requirements under the bill. The Dairy Innovation Hub must include operations at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, and UW-River Falls. The Dairy Innovation Hub must also include disciplines in four separate sectors to accomplish the following objectives: ensure animal health and welfare; enrich human health and nutrition; steward land and water resources; and grow farm businesses and communities. The Board of Regents must allocate funding under the bill as follows: 52 percent to create positions, establish and operate an advanced dairy management academy, and provide support for research facilities and infrastructure at UW-Madison; 24 percent to create positions and provide support for research facilities and infrastructure at UW-Platteville; and 24 percent to create positions and provide support for research facilities and infrastructure at UW-River Falls. The Board of Regents must annually submit a report to the legislature regarding the Dairy Innovation Hub.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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

**2019-20            2020-21**

3           **20.285    University of Wisconsin System**

4           (1)   UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC  
5           SERVICE

6           (er)   Dairy Innovation Hub                      GPR     A       7,900,000     7,900,000

7           **SECTION 2.** 20.285 (1) (er) of the statutes is created to read:

8           20.285 (1) (er) *Dairy Innovation Hub*. The amounts in the schedule for the  
9           Dairy Innovation Hub under s. 36.25 (59).

10          **SECTION 3.** 36.25 (59) of the statutes is created to read:

11          36.25 (59) DAIRY INNOVATION HUB. (a) The board shall create a University of  
12          Wisconsin Dairy Innovation Hub, funded from the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1)  
13          (er) except as provided in par. (h).

14          (b) The Dairy Innovation Hub shall include operations at the University of  
15          Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and University of  
16          Wisconsin-River Falls. The Dairy Innovation Hub shall include disciplines in 4  
17          separate sectors to accomplish all of the following objectives:

- 18               1. Ensure animal health and welfare.  
19               2. Enrich human health and nutrition.

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1           3. Steward land and water resources.

2           4. Grow farm businesses and communities.

3           (c) The board shall allocate 52 percent of the amount appropriated under s.  
4           20.285 (1) (er) to do all of the following in connection with the Dairy Innovation Hub  
5           at the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

6           1. Create positions assigned to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which  
7           may include faculty positions, post-doctoral research fellowship positions, graduate  
8           student fellowship positions, grant writer staff positions, or any combination of these  
9           positions.

10          2. Create a Dairy Innovation Hub administrator position assigned to the  
11          University of Wisconsin-Madison.

12          3. Establish and operate an advanced dairy management academy to provide  
13          training and facilitate technology transfer.

14          4. Provide support for research facilities and infrastructure, including  
15          research-related farms, laboratories, and equipment.

16          (d) The board shall allocate 24 percent of the amount appropriated under s.  
17          20.285 (1) (er) to do all of the following in connection with the Dairy Innovation Hub  
18          at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville:

19          1. Create positions assigned to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, which  
20          may include faculty positions, post-doctoral teaching fellowship positions, graduate  
21          student fellowship positions, grant writer staff positions, building staff positions, or  
22          any combination of these positions, and, upon request by the chancellor of the  
23          University of Wisconsin-Platteville, provide research fellowships for existing faculty  
24          assigned to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

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1           2. Provide support for research facilities and infrastructure, including  
2 research-related farms, laboratories, and equipment.

3           (e) The board shall allocate 24 percent of the amount appropriated under s.  
4 20.285 (1) (er) to do all of the following in connection with the Dairy Innovation Hub  
5 at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls:

6           1. Create positions assigned to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, which  
7 may include faculty positions, post-doctoral teaching fellowship positions, graduate  
8 student fellowship positions, grant writer staff positions, building staff positions, or  
9 any combination of these positions, and, upon request by the chancellor of the  
10 University of Wisconsin-River Falls, provide research fellowships for existing  
11 faculty assigned to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

12           2. Provide support for research facilities and infrastructure, including  
13 research-related farms, laboratories, and equipment.

14           (f) By July 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the board shall submit to the chief  
15 clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing  
16 committees under s. 13.172 (3) having jurisdiction over matters relating to  
17 agriculture a report that includes all of the following:

18           1. Identification of all positions created under pars. (c) 1. and 2., (d) 1., and (e)  
19 1. and, for each position, specify whether the position has been filled or remains open  
20 as of the time the report is prepared.

21           2. For each filled position identified in subd. 1., a description of the  
22 accomplishments associated with that position, both since the position was created  
23 and during the immediately preceding year.

24           3. A description of the major accomplishments of the Dairy Innovation Hub,  
25 both since its inception and during the immediately preceding year.

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1           (g) The board shall ensure that the funding provided in s. 20.285 (1) (er) to  
2 support the positions and activities under this subsection is administered to reflect  
3 a bona fide increase in funding for the purposes specified in this subsection and that  
4 no other funding provided to the board under s. 20.285 is reduced as a result of, or  
5 reduced in a way that offsets, this additional funding for the Dairy Innovation Hub.

6           (h) The board may pay, from the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a) instead  
7 of the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (er), the cost of employer contributions for  
8 employee fringe benefits under ch. 40 for positions created under pars. (c) 1. and 2.,  
9 (d) 1., and (e) 1.

10           **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

11           (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after  
12 publication of the 2019 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

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