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UW-Green Bay Summer Camp (Administration -- Division of Gaming)

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CURRENT LAW

The University of Wisconsin - Green Bay offers 25 summer camps for students in grades two through 12 with topics ranging from art and music to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Attendance costs differ by program but generally range from \$250 to \$400 for a one-week camp, including the cost of instruction, supplies, and meals. The programs are managed by UW-Green Bay's Division of Continuing Education and Community Engagement. The Oneida Nation and UW-Green Bay previously partnered on STEM summer camps in 2019, funded by the Oneida Nation.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The Oneida Nation and UW-Green Bay have requested assistance to implement a summer program for Native youth. The proposed partnership would offer five week-long STEM summer camps for students in grades three to 11, to include full-day learning sessions with classroom instruction and field trips. The University's Division of Continuing Education and Community Engagement would oversee the camps, as it does for existing summer youth programs. The topics of the programs would be: engineering by land, sea, and air; environmental science; robotics and STEM; sustainability and agriculture; and introduction to engineering. The program would aim to serve 144 campers each summer and to cover tuition, meals, backpacks, and transportation without charge to students. Other expenses include employee compensation, supplies, and insurance.

2. The program's goals are to help students learn about STEM careers, solve real world challenges using STEM skills; and to visit community businesses that utilize STEM skills. The program would help students to formulate college and career aspirations by connecting students to University faculty and STEM professionals. Educational summer programming has been shown to

improve students' academic achievement and social-emotional skills. On average, students can lose up to 30% of school-year learning over the summer, and academic summer camps can lower or reverse this summer learning loss. Programs focused on STEM skills can increase students' interest in the subject matter and prepare students to succeed in careers that require the use of technology. To measure progress towards the program's objectives, students would complete self-evaluations and be required to participate in a final project to demonstrate mastery of skill and camp achievement.

3. For example, the week-long robotics and STEM camp would divide students into teams and provide each team with a computer and a Lego Mindstorm NXT kit. Teams would be given challenges to complete, requiring them to build a robot and develop programming to allow the robot to solve challenges. On the final day, teams would compete based on the creativity, ingenuity, problem-solving, communications, and teamwork skills demonstrated at camp. Campers would also visit local businesses that use robots, including manufacturing facilities such as Georgia Pacific, Paper Converting Machine Company, NEW Water, and KI furniture.

4. Funds would also be used to expand access to the University's summer scholars program, which allows students in grades 10 to 12 to earn three college credits through a one-month course. The summer scholars program allows students to save money and time by earning college credits during high school. Credits can be transferred to any UW campus and to most private and out-of-state colleges. The program generally costs \$600 per course, but would be provided without charge to eligible members of the Oneida Nation with a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.

5. Assembly Bill 68/Senate Bill 111 would provide \$109,300 PR annually, funded by tribal gaming revenues, to UW-Green Bay for educational summer camp programs developed in partnership with the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Funds would support employee compensation, instructional supplies, meals, and transportation, and campers would not be charged to attend the program. The funds would be provided to DOA's existing appropriation for UW-Green Bay programs and supported by tribal gaming revenues. Tribal gaming revenue paid to the state is based on provisions under state-tribal compacts. The first draw on gaming revenue is to state agencies and remaining revenue is deposited in the general fund. Gaming revenues are estimated to total \$56 million in 2021-22 and \$62 million in 2022-23.

6. Nine of the 11 state-tribal compacts include an ancillary memorandum of understanding relating to government-to-government matters, including the intended use of tribal gaming payments to the state. In general, the agreements indicate that the Governor must undertake his or her best efforts to assure that monies paid to the state are expended for: (a) economic development initiatives to benefit tribes and/or American Indians within Wisconsin; (b) economic development initiatives in regions around casinos; (c) promotion of tourism within the state; and (d) support of programs and services of the county in which the tribe is located.

7. Given the program's potential to improve education attainment, increase interest in STEM-related career fields, and comply with the intention that gaming revenues be used to benefit tribal communities, the Committee could approve the request. [Alternative 1] Alternatively, the Committee could take no action. [Alternative 2] If the provision is not approved, DOA indicates that the summer program would not have sufficient funds to operate. However, as was the practice in 2019, the Oneida Nation and UW-Green Bay could operate the camps independently if the

organizations are able to secure a non-state fund source.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide \$109,300 PR annually, funded by tribal gaming revenues, to UW-Green Bay for educational summer camp programs developed in partnership with the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Funds would be provided to DOA's existing appropriation for University of Wisconsin - Green Bay programming [20.505(1)(km)].

ALT 1	Change to Base
PR	\$218,600
GPR-REV	-\$218,600

2. Take no action.

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