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Subject:

Drafting request: WISTECH as a budget amendment

Rep. Krug has asked me make this drafting request.

Please draft as a budget amendment to ASA 1 to SB 55.

Deliver stripes to Rep. Krug's office.

Thanks. Call me if questions....Dan Lorentz, Assembly Democratic Caucus...4-8358.

Drafting request:

Require SWIB to make recommendations to the legislature regarding the structure, funding and governance of a new public-private investment program called Wisconsin Investment in Special Technology (WISTECH). Require SWIB to submit its WISTECH plan to the legislature no later than 3 months after the budget bill becomes law.

Require SWIB to make its recommendation using these program goals:

- The WISTECH program would be a private-public co-investment strategy designed to provide more capital to Wisconsin-based biotech or high tech firms;
- A privately managed entity (called WISTECH Investment Corporation) would select the state investments;
- WISTECH would invest a dollar in biotech or high technology firms for every three dollars committed privately.
 The initial WISTECH funding money would come from an annual initial appropriation of state funds, which would be paid back from the investment returns.
- Firms selected would commit to adding jobs, be identified as innovative, technology-based and have the potential for high returns. The companies would be required to commit to remaining in Wisconsin for varying periods, depending on the level of state investment.
- The aim would be to liquidate the investments within seven to 10 years and reinvest any returns after retiring the initial startup loan.



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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT, TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

1. Page 1339, line 7: after that line insert:

"(15) WISCONSIN INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL TECHNOLOGY. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this subsection, the investment board shall submit to the legislature for distribution under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes recommendations regarding the structure, operations, funding, and governance of a new program to be known as the Wisconsin Investment in Special Technology program. The key features of this program shall include all of the following:

(a) A privately managed corporation to be called the WISTECH Investment Corporation will be created and will be required to design an investment strategy to make capital investments in biotechnology and high technology businesses that are organized in this state.

- (b) The biotechnology and high technology businesses that will be provided capital under the program must be businesses that are identified by WISTECH Investment Corporation as innovative technology—based, and have the potential for a higher than average rate of investment return. In addition, any such business receive funding to expand its workforce.
- (c) Under the program, for every \$3 invested by private individuals and organizations in a biotechnology or high technology business that meets the criteria specified under paragraph (b), WISTECH Investment Corporation would be able to invest \$1. Any biotechnology or high technology business that would receive capital funding from WISTECH Investment Corporation would have to commit, as a condition of receiving the funding, to retain its operations in this state for a period specified by WISTECH Investment Corporation.
- (d) Under the program, the state would provide annual funding for the investments made by WISTECH Investment Corporation. This funding would be in the form of a loan to be repaid from investment returns earned by WISTECH Investment Corporation from investing in the biotechnology and high technology businesses."

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