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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2009-10

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Economic Development (SC-ED)

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April 19, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Lassa, Lehman, Vinehout, Kreitlow,
Kanavas, Darling and Leibham.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Lehman, seconded by Senator Kreitlow that
Senate Amendment a2306 be recommended for introduction and
adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Lassa, Lehman, Vinehout, Kreitlow,
Kanavas, Darling and Leibham.

Noes: (0) None.


**INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE
AMENDMENT A2306 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0**

Moved by Senator Kreitlow, seconded by Senator Lehman that
Assembly Bill 757 be recommended for concurrence as amended.

Ayes: (7) Senators Lassa, Lehman, Vinehout, Kreitlow,
Kanavas, Darling and Leibham.

Noes: (0) None.

**CONCURRENCE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7,
Noes 0**



Mark Knickelbine
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Economic Development

Date: 4/19/10

Moved by: Kreitlow

Seconded by: Lehman

AB 757 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Senator John Lehman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Kathleen Vinehout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Pat Kreitlow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ted Kanavas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Alberta Darling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Joseph Leibham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Vote Record Committee on Economic Development

Date: 4/19/10

Moved by: Lehman

Seconded by: Kreitlow

AB 757 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
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JULIE LASSA

STATE SENATOR

PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSEMBLY BILL 757

Senate Committee on Economic Development

Monday, April 19, 2010

10:30 a.m.

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Thank you members of the Senate Economic Development Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Assembly Bill 757.

Assembly Bill 757 was introduced at the request of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to create a food processing modernization tax credit, allowing Wisconsin's food processing industry to modernize and expand.

There are over 2,000 food processing facilities and warehouses in Wisconsin offering a diverse sector that includes dairy, meat, fruit and vegetable processing and other specialty food and beverage products. According to the Status of Wisconsin Agriculture Report for 2010, "Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois remain the nation's largest concentrated production of canned and frozen vegetables." The report also shows that Wisconsin is the nation's leading producer of cranberries and snap peas, as well as a top producer of carrots, sweet corn, green peas and potatoes.

As with tax credits for meat processors, the tax credit will help food processing companies modernize, save energy, and create jobs. Investments in facilities to process and distribute food will help major buyers such as schools, hospitals and restaurants buy local products. Applying the credit to distribution facilities would also help companies like Ocean Spray, Green and Green, and Organic Valley as well as a variety of emerging Buy Local organizations.

The proposal provides a refundable food processing and distribution tax credit equal to 10% of modernization or expansion costs for Wisconsin food processors and distributors. It includes a maximum of \$200,000 per facility with total claims paid on a pro rata basis up to \$600,000 in the first year of implementation and \$700,000 in year two and thereafter.

Also, I have drafted an amendment that would require all companies that choose to utilize the tax credit to comply with federal guidelines regarding the employment of illegal immigrants. If any company is cited for an employment violation, they would not be eligible for the tax credit for five years. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce will determine the procedure to identify the violations in the rule making process. This amendment will also increase the credit for the first two fiscal years.

Assembly Bill 757 passed out of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and the Joint Committee on Finance unanimously and passed the Assembly with strong, bi-partisan support. This bill is supported by the Midwest Food Processors Association Inc, the Wisconsin Agribusiness Council, the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association and the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, the School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association, and the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association.

Thank you again for allowing me to provide testimony on AB 757. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.