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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2009-10

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Environment...

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

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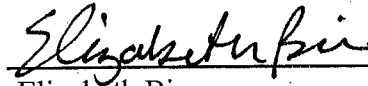
INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

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Ayes: (5) Senators Miller, Jauch, Wirch, Kedzie and Olsen.
Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



Elizabeth Bier
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Environment

Date: 4.14.10

Moved by: Wirch Seconded by: Kedzie

AB _____ SB 664 Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
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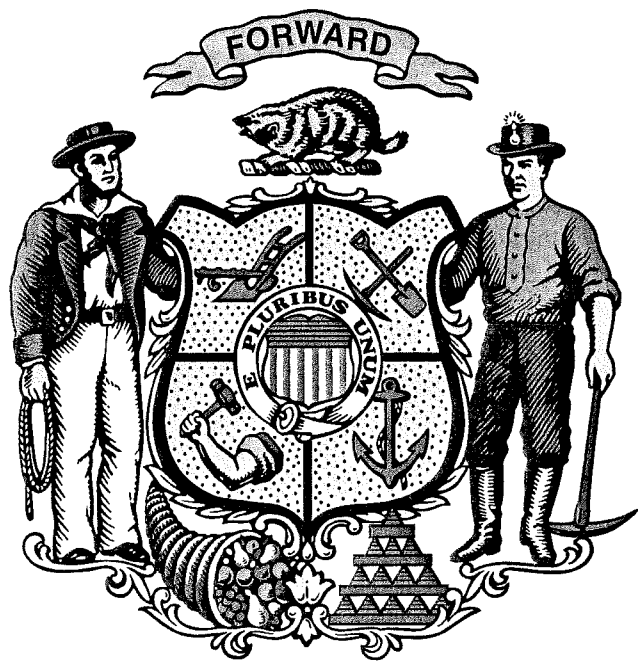
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Be recommended for:
 Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Mark Miller, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Jauch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Neal Kedzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Luther Olsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



**Hearing Notes
April 8, 2010**

Call Public Hearing to Order and ask Clerk to call the roll

- ROLL CALL

SB 661, relating to general permits for certain wetland restoration activities and providing a penalty

- Sen. Wirch/Rep. Black

SB 664, relating to financial assistance under the Clean Water Fund Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

- Sen. Miller/Rep. Pocan

Public Hearing concludes, adjourn meeting

Executive Session Notes
April 14, 2010

Call Executive Session to Order and ask Clerk to call the roll

- ROLL CALL

SB 661, relating to general permits for certain wetland restoration activities and providing a penalty

Senate Amendment 1 to SB 661

- MOTION FOR ADOPTION
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLL CALL

SB 661

- MOTION FOR PASSAGE AS AMENDED
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLL CALL

SB 664, relating to financial assistance under the Clean Water Fund Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

SB 664

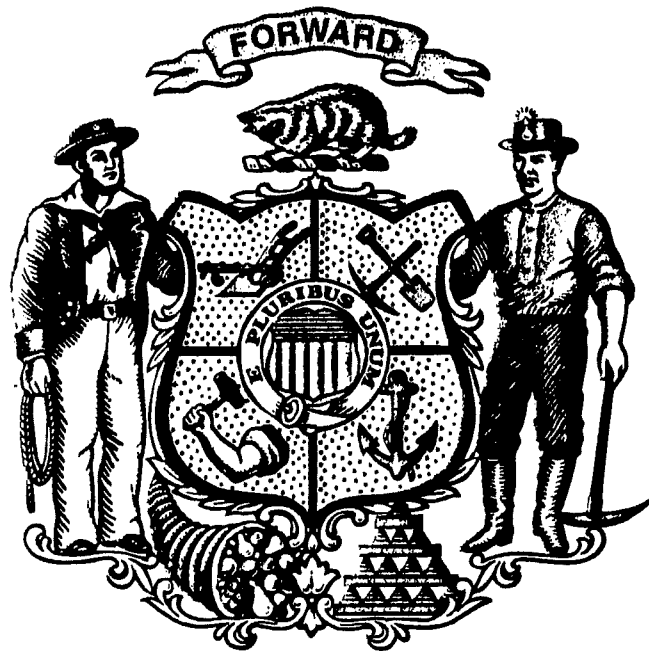
- MOTION FOR PASSAGE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLL CALL

AB 544, relating to prohibiting the installation, sale, and distribution of wheel weights and other wheel balancing products that contain lead

AB 544

- MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE
- SECOND
- DISCUSSION
- ROLL CALL

Adjourn Executive Session





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STATE OF WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE
BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY PRESENTED IN THE MATTER OF
SENATE BILL 664
Date: April 8, 2010

INTRODUCTION

Good morning, Senator Miller and members of the Committee. My name is Jeanne Cargill. I'm the lead worker for DNR's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, and I've been a Clean Water Fund Program project manager for 17 years. Senate Bill (SB) 664 directly impacts both of these funding programs. The Department of Natural Resources supports Senate Bill 664.

This bill provides authority to the loan programs to allow them to continue running as smoothly as possible during State Fiscal Year 2011 while meeting temporary federal requirements that add complexity to both the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program and the Clean Water Fund Program. States must follow the temporary requirements for the current federal fiscal year only. These requirements were enacted as part of the federal Appropriations Act that provided funds for the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 State Revolving Fund capitalization grants.

The Appropriations Act requires each state to use a specific portion of this year's capitalization grant to provide additional subsidy to eligible applicants. SB 664 allows the Clean Water Fund Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to meet this requirement by authorizing the programs to forgive a portion of a loan applicant's

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principal at the time of loan closing. Without this legislation, the State would likely have to apply for the principal forgiveness portion of the federal capitalization grant separately from the portion to be used for loans, causing the funding processes to become administratively complicated and confusing for Wisconsin's municipalities. In addition, the programs would not be able to deliver the principal forgiveness subsidies that applicants are expecting to be part of this year's loan programs, likely causing some to put off needed infrastructure projects.

Twenty percent (20%) of this year's capitalization grants must be used for costs incurred for work related to "green" categories. This bill would allow DNR, when making funding decisions, to consider the extent to which a project: promotes water or energy efficiency, is environmentally innovative, or includes green infrastructure.

The Conference Report for the federal Appropriations Act states that "priority for additional subsidies should be given to projects in communities that could not otherwise afford such projects." SB 664 allows DNR to use the median household income and population of each municipality when making funding decisions. Population and median household income data are commonly used in determining financial need.

By passing SB 664 the Wisconsin legislature would provide the Clean Water Fund Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program the authority to temporarily run a little differently, allowing compliance with federal legislation and the ability to meet the water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure financing needs of Wisconsin municipalities in State Fiscal Year 2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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