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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

**2011-12**

(session year)

**Assembly**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on Natural Resources...**

### **COMMITTEE NOTICES ...**

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**

### **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)  
(**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                              (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Natural Resources and Environment**

##### **Senate Bill 288**

Relating to: federal financial hardship assistance under the Clean Water Fund Program (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Natural Resources).  
By Law Revision Committee.

November 14, 2011 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

December 7, 2011 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Kedzie, Moulton, Wanggaard,  
Galloway, Wirch, Holperin and C. Larson.  
Absent: (0) None.  
Excused: (0) None.

##### Appearances For

- Jeanne Cargill — WI Department of Natural Resources

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- None.

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

December 14, 2011 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Kedzie, Moulton, Wanggaard,  
Galloway, Wirch, Holperin and C. Larson.  
Absent: (0) None.  
Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Holperin, seconded by Senator Wanggaard that **Senate Bill 288** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Senators Kedzie, Moulton, Wanggaard,  
Galloway, Wirch, Holperin and C. Larson.  
Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



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Dan Johnson  
Committee Clerk

## Vote Record Committee on Natural Resources

Date: March 7, 2012

Moved by: Kleefisch      Seconded by: Molepske

AB \_\_\_\_\_ SB 288 \_\_\_\_\_ Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

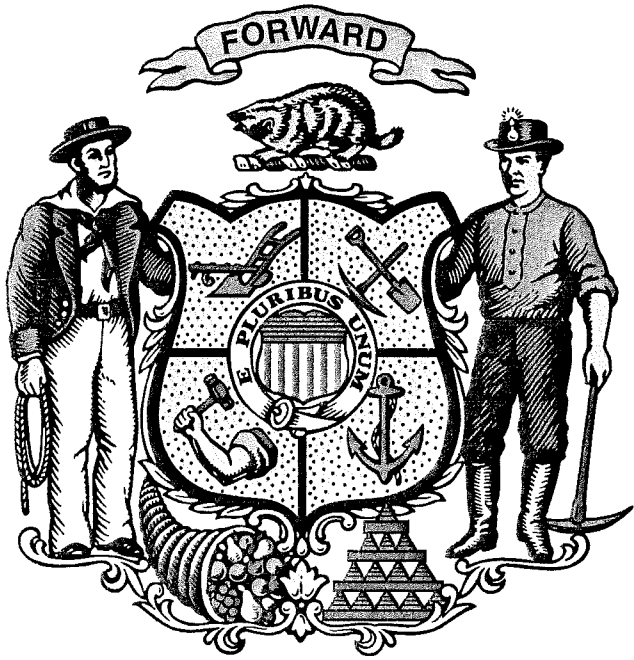
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Be recommended for:  
 Passage       Adoption       Confirmation       Concurrence       Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction       Rejection       Tabling       Nonconcurrency

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Representative Jeffrey Mursau, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Roger Rivard</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Mary Williams</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Joel Kleefisch</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Lee Nerison</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Erik Severson</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Jim Steineke</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Thomas Tiffany</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Duey Stroebel</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Michelle Litjens</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Louis Molepske Jr</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Cory Mason</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Chris Danou</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Representative Fred Clark</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Representative Brett Hulsey</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Motion Carried       Motion Failed





STATE OF WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE  
BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

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TESTIMONY PRESENTED on **SENATE BILL 288**  
February 1, 2012

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INTRODUCTION

Good morning Representative Mursau and members of the Committee. My name is Jeanne Cargill. I've served in the Department of Natural Resources' Clean Water Fund Program for 19 years. Senate Bill 288 removes some of the existing statutory language from the portion of the statutes that governs the Clean Water Fund Program.

In 1996, the Federal Government appropriated \$50 million for a federal Hardship Grant Program for Rural Communities. Because Wisconsin already had a Clean Water Fund Financial Hardship Assistance Program, and because the federal criteria made it difficult to locate municipalities in Wisconsin that could meet the hardship criteria, we determined the best way to make sure we could utilize the federal grant money was to incorporate the federal program into our own hardship program.

In 1998, the Wisconsin legislature passed a bill that included new statutory language to allow the Clean Water Fund Program to accept and utilize a one-time grant of \$1,355,800 from the federal government to provide federal assistance to a community facing financial hardship. The U.S. EPA published guidelines in March 1999 for administering this federal grant program through the Clean Water State Revolving Funds.

Wisconsin received its federal grant in May 1999. After much effort, we located a Wisconsin municipality that met the federal hardship assistance criteria, and in 2002 provided Fulton Sanitary District No. 2 a grant of \$1,458,668 and a 0% interest loan of \$210,643 for their wastewater treatment project.

The Fulton project utilized the entire \$1,355,800 federal hardship grant. There is no indication from the federal government that there will ever again be an appropriation of funds for the federal Hardship Grant Program for Rural Communities.

This bill removes all references to and provisions for the federal Hardship Grant Program for Rural Communities from the Wisconsin Statutes. By passing SB 288, the Wisconsin legislature would clean up the Clean Water Fund Program statutes and provide clarity in the hardship assistance section of the statutes making the language much easier for the Program's customers to read and understand.

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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