



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 298

Senate Amendment 1

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The 2013-15 Biennial Budget Act (Act 20) included a provision that requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to award a grant, if certain conditions are met, for a highway improvement project involving the relocation of County Highway LS in Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties onto an existing town road. The Act 20 provision specifies that the amount of the grant is to be \$4,200,000 or 50% of the project costs, whichever is less. The grant is to be provided through the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program.

SENATE BILL 298

Senate Bill 298 modifies the County Highway LS grant requirement in Act 20 by directing DOT to make the grant from a newly created appropriation for that purpose, instead of under the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program, and reducing the maximum amount of the grant to \$4,000,000. The bill transfers \$4,000,000 from the SEG appropriation for the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program to the newly created appropriation. The bill also eliminates the Act 20 provision specifying the grant be limited to 50% of the project cost.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 specifies that the amount of the grant is limited to 50% of the project costs. Senate Amendment 1 also provides that DOT must specify, as a condition of the grant, that the affected local governments competitively bid the work the grant pays for.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Leibham offered Senate Amendment 1 on September 25, 2013. On October 2, 2013, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 356, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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