



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 611

December 23, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives KRUG, SPIROS, MACCO, KULP, BALLWEG, MURSAU, RIPP, MURPHY, E. BROOKS, NOVAK and NERISON, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, MOULTON, HANSEN and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.115 (4) (ap) and 93.485 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 to support donation of farm and food products to food banks and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to award an annual grant to a nonprofit organization that operates as a statewide association of food banks to promote the donation of excess and unmarketable farm and food products from farms and food processing facilities to food banks. In awarding the grant, the bill requires DATCP to award \$1 for every \$1 of private funds the grant recipient raises for this purpose, up to a total of \$250,000 in a fiscal year. Under the bill, DATCP must require the grant recipient to use the grant money to reimburse farmers and food processing facilities for the cost of harvesting, packaging for transport, and transporting to food banks excess or unmarketable farm and food products and to process, warehouse, and transport donated farm and food products to food banks, food processing facilities, and food pantries. The bill prohibits DATCP from awarding this grant after June 30, 2020.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

