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2017 SENATE BILL 850

February 28, 2018 - Introduced by Senator HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives STUCK, WACHS, GENRICH, DOYLE, HEBL, MEYERS, POPE, SINICKI, SPREITZER, ZAMARRIPA and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.490 (1) (title); and **to create** 20.490 (1) (c) and 234.66 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** revolving loan funds administered by the Wisconsin
3 Housing and Economic Development Authority for certain activities of paper
4 mills and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to do all of the following:

1. Establish a \$30,000,000 revolving loan fund to assist paper mills in this state to transition to the manufacture of brown paper products.
2. Establish a \$30,000,000 revolving loan fund to assist paper mills in this state to undertake energy efficiency upgrades in the manufacture of paper products.

The bill requires WHEDA to establish policies and procedures implementing the revolving loan fund program under the bill, including job retention requirements. Additionally, under the bill, the revolving loan funds must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Each loan must be interest free.
2. No business may receive more than \$3,000,000 in loans from the revolving loan funds combined.
3. Each loan must be repaid on at least a quarterly basis and must be repaid in full over a period of no more than five years.

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4. The five-year or less repayment period for each loan may not begin until after installation of the project funded by the loan is complete, as determined WHEDA.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2017-18	2018-19
3 20.490 Wisconsin Housing and Economic		
4 Development Authority		
5 (1) FACILITATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER		
6 ASSISTANCE		
7 (c) Paper mills revolving loan fund		
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9 **SECTION 2.** 20.490 (1) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
10 20.490 (1) (title) FACILITATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

11 **SECTION 3.** 20.490 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
12 20.490 (1) (c) *Paper mills revolving loan fund program.* As a continuing
13 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the paper mill revolving loan fund
14 program under s. 234.66.

15 **SECTION 4.** 234.66 of the statutes is created to read:
16 **234.66 Paper mills revolving loan funds.** (1) The authority shall establish
17 a \$30,000,000 revolving loan fund to assist paper mills in this state to transition to
18 the manufacture of brown paper products.

