



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 269

May 2, 2023 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, COWLES, CARPENTER, LARSON, PFAFF, QUINN and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives KRUG, SHANKLAND, DITTRICH, C. ANDERSON, BALDEH, BARE, BILLINGS, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, EMERSON, GREEN, JOERS, KITCHENS, MURSAU, OHNSTAD, PALMERI, ROZAR, SINICKI, SNODGRASS and SPIROS. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.370 (1) (fq), 20.370 (6) (dr) and 23.22 (2) (g) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** grants to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the
3 spread of wild parsnip; funding for the Bureau of Natural Heritage
4 Conservation; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources, under its statewide program to control invasive species, to award up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium in grants to local governments or American Indian tribes or bands that have declared wild parsnip to be a noxious weed for projects on public or private land to map, control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip. The bill allows a grant recipient to collaborate with a regional conservation organization on a project funded by the grant. Under the bill, an individual grant may not exceed \$10,000 and a grantee may not be awarded more than one grant per grant cycle.

The bill appropriates \$50,000 in each fiscal year in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium to the Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation.

For further information see the state and local 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:

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SECTION 1

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

			2023-24	2024-25
20.370 Natural resources, department of				
(1) FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS				
(fq) Bureau of natural heritage con-				
servation	SEG	A	50,000	50,000
(6) ENVIRONMENTAL AIDS				
(dr) Environmental aids — wild				
parsnip management grants	SEG	C	100,000	100,000

10 **SECTION 2.** 20.370 (1) (fq) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.370 (1) (fq) *Bureau of natural heritage conservation.* The amounts in the
 12 schedule for staff for the bureau of natural heritage conservation.

13 **SECTION 3.** 20.370 (6) (dr) of the statutes is created to read:

14 20.370 (6) (dr) *Environmental aids — wild parsnip management grants.* From
 15 the conservation fund, as a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule
 16 for grants under s. 23.22 (2) (g).

17 **SECTION 4.** 23.22 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

18 23.22 (2) (g) Under the program established under par. (a) and from the
 19 appropriation under s. 20.370 (6) (dr), the department shall award up to \$100,000
 20 in grants to counties, cities, villages, towns, or federally recognized American
 21 Indians tribes or bands located in this state in each fiscal year for projects to map,
 22 control, eradicate, monitor, and minimize the spread of wild parsnip on public or
 23 private land. No individual grant may exceed \$10,000 and no grantee may be

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1 awarded more than one grant per grant cycle. To be eligible for a grant under this
2 paragraph, an applicant must have, by ordinance or resolution, declared wild
3 parsnip to be a noxious weed. A weed commissioner may apply for a grant under this
4 paragraph on behalf of a county, city, village, or town. The recipient of a grant may
5 collaborate with a regional conservation organization on a project funded by the
6 grant. The department may promulgate rules to administer this grant program.

7 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

8 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
9 publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

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(END)