



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 955

February 24, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, VRUWINK, DOYLE, ANDERSON, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, KOLSTE, MILROY, OHNSTAD, POPE, SARGENT, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators SCHACHTNER, SMITH, RINGHAND, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, HANSEN and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 196.504 (1) (ad) and 196.504 (1) (ae); *to amend* 196.504
2 (2) (c); and *to create* 196.504 (1) (af) of the statutes; **relating to:** prioritizing
3 certain farm projects under the broadband expansion grant program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Public Service Commission makes grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. In making the grants, current law requires the PSC to give priority to projects that satisfy various requirements. This bill requires the PSC to also give priority to projects for expanding fiber optic broadband lines to farms. The bill defines "farm" as land primarily devoted to agricultural uses related to crop and animal production that are referenced in a rule promulgated by the Department of Revenue.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 196.504 (1) (ad) of the statutes is renumbered 196.504 (1) (ah).
5 **SECTION 2.** 196.504 (1) (ae) of the statutes is renumbered 196.504 (1) (ak).
6 **SECTION 3.** 196.504 (1) (af) of the statutes is created to read:

