



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE BILL 664

November 2, 2021 - Introduced by Senator COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives KITCHENS, TUSLER, DITTRICH, MURSAU, RAMTHUN and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to create** 23.0917 (5g) (k) of the statutes; **relating to:** amounts obligated
2 under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program for
3 water infrastructure projects in the state park system.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to obligate up to \$5,600,000 in unobligated moneys under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship 2000 Program to fund certain state park system water infrastructure projects.

Current law authorizes the state to incur public debt for certain conservation activities under the stewardship program, which is administered by DNR. The state may incur this debt to acquire land for the state for conservation purposes and for property development activities and may award grants or state aid to certain local governmental units and nonprofit conservation organizations to acquire land for these purposes.

The stewardship program consists of five subprograms. Current law establishes the amounts that DNR may obligate in each fiscal year through 2025-26 for expenditure under each of these subprograms. Prior to fiscal year 2011-12, if DNR did not obligate the full amount it was authorized to obligate in a fiscal year under a subprogram, DNR was required to adjust the annual bonding authority for that subprogram by raising the annual bonding authority for the next fiscal year by the amount unobligated in that given fiscal year. Beginning in fiscal year 2011-12, under current law, if DNR does not obligate an amount authorized to be obligated for

