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Remote Water Quality Sensing (DNR -- Environmental Quality)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Natural Resources monitors water quality on a small sample of Wisconsin lakes.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$85,000 SEG annually (\$55,000 fish and wildlife account and \$30,000 forestry account) and 1.0 four-year project position for development of a remote sensing program to measure lake water quality, in-lake vegetation, and riparian development.

MODIFICATION

Provide the funding from the water resources account, rather than the fish and wildlife and forestry accounts.

Explanation: While the funding is identified in budget materials as coming from the fish and wildlife and forestry accounts, DNR indicates the funding was intended to be provided from the water resources account. The Department plans to shift the percentage split in the affected appropriation in order to fund the item entirely from the water resources account.

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