

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Agriculture

Assembly Bill 655

Relating to: a transition to grass pilot program and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Novak, Shankland, Tranel, Oldenburg, Dittrich, C. Anderson, Goeben, Gundrum, Hurd, Jacobson, Joers, Kitchens, Krug, Kurtz, Moses, Mursau and Schmidt; cosponsored by Senators James, Cowles, Pfaff, Smith, Spreitzer and Testin.

November 09, 2023 Referred to Committee on Agriculture

November 21, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (11) Representative Tranel; Representatives Oldenburg, Hurd, Novak, Schutt, Schmidt, VanderMeer, Considine, Shankland, Jacobson and C. Anderson.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (4) Representatives Kitchens, Moses, Mursau and Myers.

Appearances For

- Rep. Todd Novak - 51st Assembly Dist.
- Rep. Katrina Shankland - 71st District
- Chad Zuleger - DBA
- Sara Walling - Clean WI
- Serge Koenig - Sauk County LRE
- Melissa Schlupp - Sauk County Land Resources and Environment
- Michelle Ramirez-White - WI Farmers Union
- Darin Von Ruden - WI Farmers Union
- Charles Andrevas
- Kevin Mahalko - Grassworks

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Adena Rissman

Registrations For

- Jennifer Wickman - Cooperative Network
- Sec. Randy Romanski - DATCP
- Sen. Jesse James - 23rd Senate Dist.

- Tom Bressner - WI Agri-Business Assn.
- Alex Madorsky - The Nature Conservancy
- Matt Krueger - WI Land and Water Conservation Association
- Joe Tomandl
- Tim Fiocchi - WI Farm Bureau
- Jordan Lamb - WI Cattlemen's Association
- Amy Winters - WI Dairy Producers

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

December 07, 2023 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (14) Representative Tranel; Representatives Oldenburg, Hurd, Kitchens, Moses, Novak, Schutt, Schmidt, VanderMeer, Considine, Shankland, Myers, Jacobson and C. Anderson.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Mursau.

Moved by Representative Hurd, seconded by Representative Kitchens that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (14) Representative Tranel; Representatives Oldenburg, Hurd, Kitchens, Moses, Novak, Schutt, Schmidt, VanderMeer, Considine, Shankland, Myers, Jacobson and C. Anderson.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 14, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Novak, seconded by Representative Shankland that **Assembly Bill 655** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (14) Representative Tranel; Representatives Oldenburg, Hurd, Kitchens, Moses, Novak, Schutt, Schmidt, VanderMeer, Considine,

Shankland, Myers, Jacobson and C.
Anderson.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 14, Noes 0

Jeff Curry
Committee Clerk