

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Agriculture and Tourism**

##### **Senate Bill 619**

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

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

November 07, 2023 Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Tourism

January 30, 2024 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (7) Senator Ballweg; Senators Marklein, Testin, Quinn, Pfaff, Smith and Spreitzer.  
Absent: (0) None.  
Excused: (1) Senator Tomczyk.

##### Appearances For

- Drew Carlson
- Rep Todd Novak - 51st Assembly District
- Mat Boerson
- Shelly Rothman - Foxhead Regenerative Agriculture
- Associate Policy Director Chuck Anderas - Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
- Farmer Ron Schoepp - Schoepp Farms Llc
- Senator Jesse James
- Sara Walling - Clean Wisconsin
- Amy Penterman - Dairy Business Association
- Exec. Director Matt Krueger - WI Land and Water Conservation Assn
- Chad Zuleger - Dairy Business Association
- Rep. Katrina Shankland
- Owner operator farmer Justin Price - Grace Acres Farms LLC Grass Pilot Program
- Linda Ceylor - Hillside dairy
- Policy Coordinatlr Michelle White - Wisconsin Farmers Union With Lauren Langworthy

##### Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Professor Adena Rissman - Informational - research

Registrations For

- Jennifer Wickman - Cooperative network
- Katie Scott - League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- Conservation Manager Melissa Schlupp - Sauk County  
Land Resources & Environment Dept
- Joe Tomandl - Legacy Grass Dairy LLC
- ANGIE SULLIVAN - DAIRY GRAZING  
APPRENTICESHIP
- PAUL HEINEN - WI GREENFIRE
- Tim Fiocchi - Wisconsin Farm Bureau
- Tom Bressner - WI Agri Business Assn.
- Jordan Lamb - Wisconsin Cattlemens Association
- Amy Winters - WI Dairy Products Assoc

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 11, 2024

**Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1**

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David Specht-Boardman  
Committee Clerk