



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1987/P1  
ZDW:emw

DOA:.....Aslesen, BB0548 - Harbor assistance grant priority

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**TRANSPORTATION**

**GENERAL TRANSPORTATION**

***Harbor assistance program priority***

Under current law, DOT administers the harbor assistance program under which it makes grants to reimburse eligible applicants for the cost of making harbor improvements. DOT is authorized to establish criteria for eligible applicants and projects and is required to prioritize projects based on the amount of tonnage and waterborne transportation handled in the harbor. This bill requires DOT, in the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, to prioritize program grants to municipalities in which a shipbuilder in this state is conducting operations.

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

**SECTION 9144. Nonstatutory provisions; Transportation.**

(1) HARBOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PRIORITY. Notwithstanding s. 85.095 (2) and (3), in the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, when making grant awards for the harbor assistance program under s. 85.095, the department of transportation shall give priority to municipalities in which a shipbuilder in this state is conducting operations.

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