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1 **AN ACT** *to create* 16.954 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring a strategic bioenergy
2 feedstock assessment.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the joint legislative council's special committee on domestic biofuels. The bill draft directs the office of energy independence (OEI) to coordinate the preparation of a strategic feedstocks assessment by the specified state agencies.

This assessment must examine the current and potential bioenergy feedstocks being produced in Wisconsin, the uses of those feedstocks, as well as the use in the state of bioenergy feedstocks produced in other states, the key factors that influence the supply of and demand for feedstocks produced in the state, and the impacts of the increased use in the state of biomass for energy production. The assessment must also recommend appropriate legislation and changes in the agencies' programs and rules.

3 **SECTION 1.** 16.954 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **16.954 Strategic bioenergy feedstock assessment. (1)** In this section:

5 (a) "Affected agencies" means the departments of administration; agriculture, trade and
6 consumer protection; and natural resources; the office; and the public service commission.

7 (b) "Bioenergy feedstock" means biomass used to produce energy, including
8 transportation fuel, heat, or electricity.

9 (c) "Office" means the office of energy independence.

10 **(2)** The office shall coordinate among affected agencies the preparation of a biennial
11 strategic bioenergy feedstock assessment that assists producers and users of bioenergy
12 feedstocks and state and local government policy makers in understanding trends in the

1 production and use of bioenergy feedstocks in this state and the effects of that production and
2 use. Using readily available information; each assessment shall include all of the following:

3 (a) Summarize the bioenergy feedstocks currently and projected to be produced in the
4 state by region.

5 (b) Identify the current and projected significant markets for bioenergy feedstocks
6 produced in the state and major facilities located or likely to be located in the state that use
7 bioenergy energy feedstocks produced in or outside the state.

8 (c) Identify key factors that influence the supply of and demand for major bioenergy
9 feedstocks in the state, including the types and amounts of land devoted to producing these
10 feedstocks.

11 (d) Assess whether any of the factors identified under par. (b) are likely to change during
12 the period covered by the assessment and, if so, how those changes may affect the availability
13 of future bioenergy feedstocks.

14 (e) Assess the impacts of the increased use in the state of biomass for energy production
15 on all of the following:

- 16 1. Other consumers of that biomass.
17 2. Land use.
18 3. Environmental quality.
19 4. Other benefits and services derived from the natural systems in which the biomass
20 is produced.

21 (f) Recommend, as appropriate, legislation or changes in programs or rules of affected
22 agencies, including whether the assessment should be continued.

23 (3) No later than April 30, 2013 and no later than April 30 of each odd-numbered year
24 thereafter, the office shall submit a copy of an assessment prepared under sub. (2) to the

1 governor and the appropriate standing committees in each house of the legislature under s.
2 13.172 (3) and shall post a copy of the assessment on the office's Internet Web site.

3 (END)