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AN ACT *to create* 15.137 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** creation of a bioenergy advisory council.

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 creates a bioenergy advisory council (council) attached to the department of agriculture, trade, and consumer protection (DATCP) and requires the council to report to agencies and private parties that assist biofuel feedstocks producers and biofuels producers.

SECTION 1. 15.137 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

15.137 (6) Bioenergy Advisory Council. (a) There is created a bioenergy advisory council which is attached to the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under s. 15.03. The council shall be appointed by the department and shall identify voluntary best management practices for sustainable biomass and biofuels production, which may include consideration of practices related to choosing biomass species, where to plant, crop management, harvest, and processing and transport, and factors such as soil management, chemical inputs, carbon sequestration in soil and root mass, plant and animal biodiversity, and other factors at the discretion of the council. The council shall consider efforts relating to sustainable biomass and biofuels production conducted by other entities, including the council on forestry.

(b) The council shall report its findings, at least biennially, to the agencies and private parties that assist biofuels feedstocks producers and biofuels producers, at the discretion of the council.

(END)