

# FOXCONN IN WISCONSIN

## Assembly Committee on Jobs and the Economy Substitute Amendment to Special Session Assembly Bill 1

### **WISCONSIN WORKER TRAINING**

The legislation provides \$20 million in new funds in the next biennium to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The bill specifies that DWD is to work with local universities, colleges, technical schools and non-profits to come up with a plan on how to facilitate worker training and employment for suppliers, vendors and those companies impacted by the employment at Foxconn.

The worker training program plan will require Joint Finance Committee approval.

The program also directs the UW System and technical colleges to look for ways to cooperate to provide comprehensive electronic manufacturing training.

### **PROMOTES STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The amendment directs the WEDC board to hire a full-time Electronics Manufacturing Small Business Development Director.

The position will focus on local economic development outreach so that communities and businesses across the state can benefit from this new industry.

### **WISCONSIN WORKERS**

The amendment instructs WEDC to put language in the final contract that promotes Wisconsin workers when practically possible.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY IN TRANSPORTATION BONDING**

The amendment adds full JFC oversight in the transportation bonding in this project.

### **STRENGTHENS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS**

The amendment explicitly specifies all the areas where DNR must maintain environmental oversight of the project.

The legislation directs DNR to identify and consider wetland mitigation solutions in the same watershed.

### **ADDRESSES LOCAL NEEDS**

The amendment permits the use of TID funds for fire/police services.

The bill also authorizes use of local sales tax revenue bonds.

It provides flexibility for the use of TID expenditures with regards to the TID time limit.

### **TECHNICAL CHANGES**

The amendment clarifies language to ensure tax credits won't apply until a job is created with a minimum salary of \$30,000/year.

There are other technical fixes and drafting error corrections.