



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 689

January 25, 2010 – Introduced by Representative POCAN, cosponsored by Senator RISSER. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 20.155 (1) (j); and *to create* 196.31 (2m) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** Public Service Commission intervenor grants and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows certain persons who are not public utilities to intervene in proceedings before the Public Service Commission (PSC), and allows the PSC to compensate such persons for their intervention costs. This bill requires the PSC to provide \$300,000 in annual grants from the appropriation for such compensation to a nonprofit corporation that has a history of advocating on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates. The grants must be used to offset the general expenses of the corporation, including salary, benefit, rent, and utility expenses. In addition, the bill increases the appropriation to cover the grants, and changes the appropriation from an annual to a biennial appropriation.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 SECTION 1. 20.155 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

