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WISCONSIN FORESTRY REVITALIZATION ACT SUPPORTED
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PRESENTED BY THE FOREST, PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the forestry industry is a cornerstone of Wisconsin's economy, supporting over 100,000 jobs statewide and generating billions of dollars annually in economic activity, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is home to vast public and private forest lands, including the largest County Forest land base in the State of Wisconsin, that are essential to our economy, environment, recreation, and Northwoods quality of life, and

WHEREAS, sustainable forestry practices preserve clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Forestry Revitalization Act has been introduced by Senator Mary Felzkowski and Representative Chanz Green to strengthen the forestry sector by investing in workforce development, modernizing infrastructure, improving forest health and wildfire resilience, and expanding markets for forest products, and

WHEREAS, the Act provides incentives for the construction of an approximate \$1.5 billion sustainable woody-biomass mill facility in Hayward, Wisconsin that will process forestry residue (bark, branches, chips, slash, etc.) into sustainable aviation biofuel (SAF) and naphtha, and

WHEREAS, in support of this facility, the State of Wisconsin will commit \$210 million in incentives and bonding, specifically including \$60 million as a WEDC Enterprise Zone Tax Credit and \$150 million of state bonding repaid through the Forestry Segregated Account, and

WHEREAS, the facility is expected to create high-paying, local jobs (estimated up to 150 jobs at the mill and another 200 jobs in associated industries), increase demand for sustainably grown forest products from the Douglas County Forest and many other suppliers, and generate significant annual economic impact for northern Wisconsin, especially benefiting loggers, truckers, forest-based landowners, and related sectors, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors urges that any state incentives or public support for the proposed facility be conditioned upon the use of local skilled labor and the execution of a project labor agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its strong support for the Wisconsin Forestry Revitalization Act, including the state's investment of \$210 million in incentives and bonding for the development and construction of a sustainable aviation fuel plan at Hayward; and urges the Governor and members of the Wisconsin State Legislature to enact this legislation as presented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Wisconsin, the members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing Douglas County, bill sponsors and co-sponsors, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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Dated this 20th day of November, 2025.

Committee Action: Unanimous

Fiscal Note: None

ACTION: Motion by Moen, second Baker, to adopt. Motion by Sandok Baker, second Hultstrom, to amend resolution to include the following wording: "The Douglas County Board of Supervisors urges that any state incentives or public support for the proposed facility be conditioned upon the use of local skilled labor and the execution of a project labor agreement." Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.