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Senator Pfaff Applauds Passage of Nitrogen Optimization Bill

Madison, WI – State Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) is pleased to announce passage of AB 727, which requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to create a commercial nitrogen optimization pilot program and coordinate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency to provide a crop insurance premium rebate of \$5 per acre to farmers who plant cover crops.

After the vote, Sen. Pfaff said, "I was proud to work on and pass this bipartisan bill with my colleagues to help our farmers pioneer new programs in Wisconsin. This legislation is a win-win — a win for soil health and a win for our farmers."

"We are blessed in the Driftless Region with a landscape of rolling hills, coulees and valleys. By planting cover crops, our farmers are investing in better soil health and keeping our soil more intact, while increasing moisture and nutrient holding capacity. This, in turn, leads to healthier crops with higher yields."

"The innovation of these programs today will enhance our stewardship of western Wisconsin's beauty tomorrow."

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.