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Utility Aid Bill Passes State Assembly

Madison –Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) is proud to have co-authored Senate Bill 252 (SB 252) which passed the Assembly yesterday afternoon. The bill addresses the loss of utility aid payments as power plants begin closing across the state.

"This bill is essential to helping Kewaunee county cope with a 6% cut to their operating budget. Rather than cutting off these funds at once, SB 252 will provide Kewaunee County with a 5-year step-down in payments and give them time to adjust their budget," Kitchens said.

SB 252 was originally brought forward by Sen. Lasee in order to address the problems Kewaunee County would experience due to the closure of the Kewaunee Power Station. However, with the recent passage of new EPA emission regulation, power plant closures will quickly become a statewide issue. Rep. Kitchens eagerly supported and co-authored this legislation as it benefits his constituents in Kewaunee County as well as communities across the state.

Senate Bill 252 passed the Assembly unanimously.

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