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**Rep. Steffen Testifies in Favor of Returning Excess Stadium Sales Tax**  
*Legislation will return millions of dollars to Brown County and its Municipalities*

**Madison-** Today, Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) testified in favor of a bill he authored this session that would return millions of dollars in excess stadium sales tax revenue back to Brown County and its municipalities. The bill (SB 233) received a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Revenue, Financial Institutions and Rural Issues and will now move on to be considered for a committee vote.

“Today was an exciting opportunity to speak before my colleagues in the legislature about the positive impact this bill will have in our community. Returning these funds will provide a significant financial boost to Brown County and its municipalities. The result of this boost will be meaningful investment back into our community, creating future returns. I am proud to be leading this bill through the legislative process, and am confident this legislation will continue to move forward,” said Rep. Steffen.

This summer, the state Department of Revenue released fiscal estimates indicating excess revenue associated with the 0.5% Lambeau Stadium sales tax totaled \$17.6 million. Legislation Rep. Steffen authored will return this excess revenue back to Brown County and its municipalities for the purposes of property tax relief, tax levy related debt relief, or economic development. The original legislation allowing for the sales tax referendum, 1999 Wisconsin Act 167, did not provide for the excess revenue to be readily returned to Brown County residents.

“The commitment made by Brown County residents to support the Green Bay Packers 15 years ago, through the renovation of Lambeau Field, has certainly paid off. We are now home to a premier facility in the NFL, ensuring the Packers continue to have a long-term positive economic impact in our state. Now that this commitment has been fulfilled, this legislation will provide a fair and responsible pathway for returning excess funds,” said Rep. Steffen.

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