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## **Rep. Kolste appoint to Alzheimer’s and dementia study group**

MADISON – Rep. Debra Kolste announced today that she has been added as a member of the Speaker’s Task Force on Alzheimer’s and Dementia.

The bipartisan task force is one of three created by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos. The speaker also created panels to study urban education and youth workforce readiness. The task forces will meet this summer with the goal of exploring problems and recommending legislation.

“It was important to me to serve on this task force,” Rep. Kolste said. “Alzheimer’s Disease and other dementia are major, growing problems in our state as the population ages. We have to explore better ways to address care and costs.”

Rep. Kolste served during the last legislative session on the Speaker’s Task Force on Mental Health, which developed a package of legislation that became Wisconsin law.

“Serving on that task force was one of the best experiences of my short legislative career,” Kolste said. “We put partisan concerns aside for the most part and worked toward solutions. I hope this new group can address Alzheimer’s disease and dementia with the same spirit.”

Speaker Vos directed the Alzheimer’s and Dementia Task Force to study ways to ensure future quality of care while addressing costs. The panel was also directed to study ways to improve and promote community-based resources and determine possible state participation in treatment and research.