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Rep. Schraa Thanks the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for Implementing DOC Raises

(Madison, WI) Rep. Michael Schraa (R-Oshkosh) issued a statement on the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) vote to raise wages for state employees, and especially for security personnel at the Department of Corrections (DOC):

“The raise for Correctional Officers has been a long time coming. I have consistently advocated for significant raises in previous budgets to increase recruitment and retention in these critical public safety careers. I have received numerous contacts from these employees and their families on how much this job has put a strain on their lives. Correctional Officers and Sergeants have been working multiple double shifts per week, and posts remain vacant.

“Today, JCOER voted to implement the compensation plan, and staff will see it on their October 22nd paycheck. Staff will receive a lump sum check of back pay going back to July 2nd. The starting wage will increase to \$33/hour with proportionate raises to current staff. The add-on for understaffed facilities will continue. The add-on for maximum-security institutions will increase from \$2 to \$3 per hour, and there will be a new add-on for medium-security institutions.

“While this is good news for Corrections Officers, I also worked to raise wages for other classified employees at DOC, which was not included. However, they and other state employees will receive a 4% raise in the first year, and an additional 2% raise in the second year of the budget.”

I will continue to be a strong supporter of the staff that work in our correctional institutions.

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