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## Rep. Murphy Statement on Proposed Changes to the UW System

(Madison)...Rep. Murphy issued the following statement today in response to Governor Walker's changes to the UW System in his 2015-2017 biennial budget proposal:

"Governor Walker's proposal offers long-term opportunities to save taxpayers money while allowing the UW System the autonomy they have long sought to best run their campuses."

"The tuition freeze keeps a promise made to the taxpayers of Wisconsin, but more discussion is needed to ensure that the UW System continues to prioritize accessibility for in-state students and that our students are not hit with massive tuition increases two years from now."

"Many questions and details will need to be ironed out through the budget process in the legislature, including whether \$300 million is an appropriate level to cut, but I respect the Governor for offering a bold vision for the future."

Governor Walker is scheduled to present his budget address on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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