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Rep. Kremer Circulates Bill to Curb DOT Waste

Madison, WI – Today, Representative Jesse Kremer (R-Kewaskum) circulated a bill to end the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s wasteful abuse of taxpayer dollars in three areas: installation of highway on-ramp gates, digital message boards and traffic cameras.

According to the DOT, the cost to install a single highway on-ramp gate costs state taxpayers as much as \$15,000. A single overhead digital message board can cost nearly \$200,000. In addition to the hundreds already installed, DOT plans for further installations continue through 2017, costing taxpayers millions. Upon release of the bill, Rep. Kremer issued the following remarks:

“After my budget motion to curb DOT waste was rejected earlier this year, I am introducing the same idea as a stand-alone bill. I think we owe it to state taxpayers to crack down on waste wherever we find it, and in whatever form. DOT’s wasteful spending in these areas is a prime example.”

“Legislators are elected to ensure that their constituents’ tax dollars are being spent wisely. For too long we have been asleep at the wheel while our hard-earned dollars are being squandered. I’m calling on DOT to cut the frills, and for my colleagues to join me in reversing the trend of wasteful spending in our state Department of Transportation.”

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