

A Note from Rep. Edming

This past Tuesday, Governor Walker delivered his biennial budget address and introduced a two-year spending plan. It's important to keep in mind that the budget that the Governor introduced was only a proposal. Now, the Legislature has the responsibility of building upon this plan. Members of the Assembly and Senate will look over the budget, use input from the public, and find ways to improve upon it. I am confident that we can create a budget that benefits each Wisconsinite.



Issues such as major changes to the UW System and highway funding will need to be carefully considered as the Legislature develops the budget. I will ensure that I examine each issue in detail. I was glad to see that the Governor's budget included increased funding for rural schools and mental health care. These issue areas are important within the community and should be a priority.

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is currently analyzing the budget bill. This process can take up to a month and then the Joint Committee on Finance will hold public hearings around the state. I'll keep you updated on committee hearings in or near our district. I encourage you to attend these public hearings and offer your viewpoints on the budget bill.

Here is a link to the [budget bill](#), which is now [Assembly Bill 21](#) and [Senate Bill 21](#). If you have any concerns or support an area within the budget bill, please contact my office at (608) 266-7506 or email me at Rep.Edming@legis.wisconsin.gov.

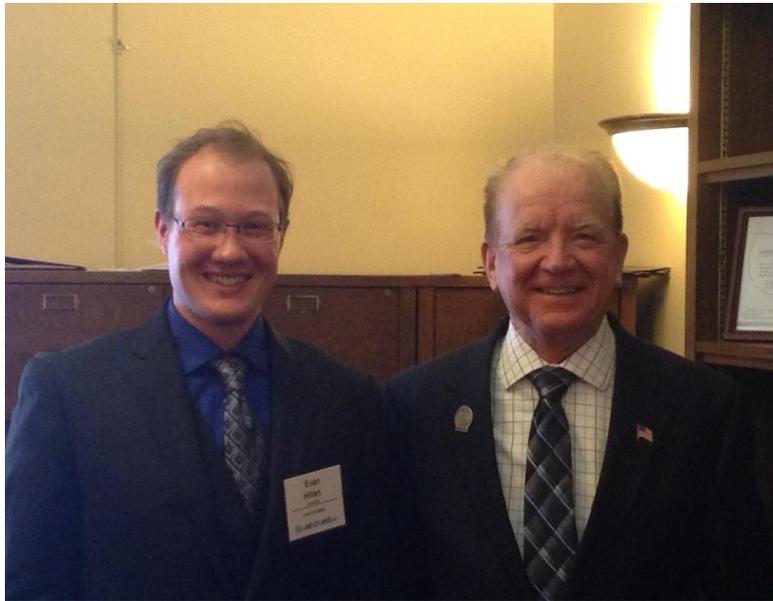
This Week in Madison

After the budget address, I was interviewed by Wausau's Channel 7 and shared some of my thoughts about the budget. Here is the link to the [news story](#).

On Tuesday, I attended my first committee hearing of the session. The Environment and Forestry Committee heard testimony relating to:

- [Assembly Bill 11](#): the newspaper recycling fee and the recycled content of newsprint used in newspapers.
- [Assembly Bill 15](#): the manufacture and acceptance for sale of products containing microbeads.

The Committee will vote on both of these bills during an Executive Session this upcoming Tuesday.



Met with constituent, Evan Hillan of Ladysmith, from Land O'Lakes. Had a great conversation about cooperatives.

Budget Listening Sessions

I will be hosting two in-district budget listening sessions on Friday, March 6th. This is an opportunity for my constituents to voice any concerns or ideas for the budget. I'll also offer any updates regarding the budget process. I'll be joined by Representative Mary Czaja, who is a member of the Joint Committee on Finance. Below is the information for the listening sessions. I hope to see you there!

Frances L. Simek Memorial Library

10-11am

400 N. Main St.

Medford

Winter Town Hall

1:30-2:30pm

N4680 County Road W.

Winter

Wisconsin Winter

Our state is fortunate to have many opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. Explore these [activities with a view for a Wisconsin winter](#).

Snowmobiling is popular throughout our state, including within the 87th district. I encourage you to read these helpful tips on how to [stay safe while snowmobiling](#).

As always, if you have any comments or thoughts regarding the subject of this E-Update, please feel free to contact me.

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