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Budget Committee Holds First Executive Session

MADISON - On Wednesday, the co-chairs of the state's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee (JFC), State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), issued the following statement regarding first JFC Executive Session on Governor Walker's proposed 2015-17 state budget:

"Now that public hearings are finished and executive sessions are underway, we have started to improve on the foundation the governor provided in his budget.

"As we examine each section of the budget, our goal is to deliver real reform, protect taxpayers, and provide a stable environment to grow jobs. We will continue to look for ways to make our state more affordable for middle-class taxpayers and make government more efficient."

"Additionally, there are 14 of non-fiscal policy items included in the governor's proposal that we are removing from the state budget. These items are better suited to go through the regular legislative process.

"Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle held numerous hearings on the governor's budget; we look forward to using this public input throughout the budget process."

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