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## **VAN ROY CORMORANT BILL PASSES JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE 14-2**

**Madison...** The Joint Committee on Finance has joined the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources in voting in favor of Assembly Bill 486, the Wisconsin Cormorant Bill. State Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard), the principal Assembly author, says that his measure has passed the final hurdle before going to the floor of the Assembly for a full vote.

“I’m pleased that the finance committee joined the natural resources committee by supporting my common sense, environmentally sound bill to control an overpopulating and practically invasive species,” said Van Roy. “The economic and environmental costs of not acting far outweigh the costs of solving the problem.”

Van Roy says his cormorant bill is the creation of months of research and conversations with fish, bird, and Great Lakes habitat experts and came at the request of several Brown County constituents. The bill is cosponsored and supported by several other area legislators including Senators Lasee and Cowles, and Representatives Krawczyk, Bies, and Gard.

“Great Lakes states from New York to Minnesota have already created cormorant control programs because cormorants have been found to be the culprits behind habitat destruction, fish population declines, water pollution, and a reduction in available nesting sites for other, threatened bird species,” said Van Roy. This bill brings us in line with the rest of the Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces.”

AB 486 will now go to the floor of the Assembly for a full vote. It must then pass the State Senate before moving onto the Governor’s desk for his signature.

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