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VAN ROY TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP GREAT LAKES WATER RESOURCES COMPACT LEGISLATION

(MADISON)....Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) has been selected to serve on the Legislative Council Special Committee on the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact. This study committee is assigned the task of developing the legislation to ratify and implement the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact recently agreed to by the governors of the Great Lakes states.

Specifically, the committee will consider the need for new or modified water resource management strategies, including an integrated strategy that is based on the relationships between surface water, groundwater, and water-dependent natural resources and that addresses water quantity and quality issues in a coordinated manner.

“The Great Lakes are the world's single largest source of fresh surface water. I believe it is imperative we do all we can to conserve this resource and ensure an adequate supply of clean drinking water for many generations to come,” Van Roy said. “Furthermore, the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes system is instrumental to our region's economy, environment, and overall quality of life.”

Legislative study committees are established bi-annually by the non-partisan Joint Legislative Council to examine issues of importance to the Legislature. Both legislators and “citizen-experts” serve on the committees, which meet over the course of several months to craft legislation. Also serving on the Great Lakes committee from the Green Bay area is Hallett J. Harris, Professor Emeritus in Natural and Applied Sciences at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay.

“I am pleased to have been selected to serve on this committee which is of such great importance to the Green Bay area both in terms of drinking water as well as our economy through the fishing industry and shipping through the port,” stated Van Roy. “We in Wisconsin are not the only ones who impact the Great Lakes. This is a regional issue that requires inter-state coordination and cooperation to make sure that everyone in the Great Lakes Basin protects this vital resource.”

The Committee for the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact will hold its first meeting on September 7. For more information on this and other study committees, visit <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/HOME.htm> and choose Interim Studies.

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