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Feyen Proposal Reduces Government Waste

Agriculture Land Tax Notification legislation receives a public hearing

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MADISON- Tuesday, Senator Dan Feyen (R – Fond du Lac) testified before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions in favor of Senate Bill 13, legislation which will help local governments save money by reducing notification requirements for agricultural land assessments.

Annually the Department of Revenue assesses the value of an acre of agricultural land. Under this bill, municipalities would only be required to notify agricultural land owners if their property value changed by \$300 or more. This will help conserve municipality funds while also ensuring that if there's a significant increase in agricultural property value the property owner is still notified.

"Our municipalities are spending more money sending out the notification than they are receiving in tax revenue. Furthermore, if the value of an acre decreases, the municipality is losing even more taxpayer money to comply with state law," Sen. Feyen said. "This common sense proposal will help reduce unnecessary government spending. Saving taxpayer money is always a priority and in this instance a little change will go a long way."

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