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## **Rep. Hutton & Sen. Kapenga Introduce Bill to Provide Accountability in Government Leasing Contracts**

MADISON – Today, Representative Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield) and Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) circulated legislation that would establish specific guidelines for the Department of Administration to follow each time they enter into or renew a lease.

“The bill will add appropriate accountability each time the State enters into a leasing contract. This necessary oversight will require the Department of Administration to conduct a cost-benefit analysis before signing a lease, ensuring Wisconsin is being a good steward of its citizen’s tax dollars,” said Rep. Hutton.

This legislation would require the DOA to conduct a cost benefit analysis comparing the cost of the proposed lease to comparable lease options within a 10-mile radius to ensure that proposed lease rates do not exceed lease rates on comparable properties by more than 5%.

“This bill provides a tool for legislators and the public to better understand the state’s physical footprint costs. It’s a common sense approach used in the business sector that will translate well into the public sector, ensuring a more efficient and effective government,” said Senator Kapenga.

Additionally, this legislation will require the Secretary of the DOA to sign the contract and will require that all leases totaling more than \$500,000 be submitted for a 14-day passive review by the Joint Committee on Finance.

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