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LeMahieu Statement on Senate Passage of 70 MPH Speed Limit *Senate Approves 70 MPH on Voice Vote, Amended Bill Heads Back to Assembly*

Madison – Today, the State Senate approved increasing the maximum speed limit in Wisconsin to 70 mph. The legislation, authored by Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg), passed on a bipartisan voice vote. In response, Senator LeMahieu released the following statement:

“I am pleased this commonsense legislation to increase the speed limit to 70 mph is moving forward. This legislation authorizes, but does not require, the Department of Transportation to raise the speed limit on interstates and freeways where it is safe to do so.”

“Thirty-eight states, including all of Wisconsin’s neighbors, have a speed limit of at least 70 mph. We are now the last state in the Midwest with a 65 mph speed limit, which has not changed since 1996.”

“My thanks to the lead Assembly author, Representative Paul Tittl, for helping this bill through the Senate.”

The bill was amended in the Senate Transportation Committee to prohibit increasing the speed limit to 70 mph on portions of highways with at-grade intersections, such as intersections with stop signs or driveways. This will require the bill to return to the Assembly to approve the amendment. Following Assembly action, the 70 mph will go to Governor Walker for his signature.

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