



Joint Committee on *Finance* SINCE 1911

Budget Update 5/5/15

Messaging

The co-chairs of the JFC announced the Governor's proposal for public authority for the UW System will be removed from the budget. The co-chairs said both houses are working with UW-System officials to find flexibility to help them manage any funding cuts.

The co-chairs anticipate new revenue estimates from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau sometime this week or early next week. Senator Darling stressed any additional revenues would be used to fill the Governor's proposed cuts to K-12 funding as well as cuts to UW and Transportation.

[JFC also increased funding to the Wisconsin Well Woman Program.](#)

Agenda Items

Health Services -- Public Health and Other Programs

Supplemental Security Income

The Committee made no changes to the Governor's plan.

Transfer of Regulation of Food, Lodging, and Recreational Establishments to DATCP The Committee supported the Governor's plan to transfer oversight from DHS to DATCP. JFC also voted to freeze inspection fees until the next biennium. The motion also created a Food Safety Advisory Council to be appointed by DATCP. (Motion #157, 12-4)

Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Grant Program

JFC supported the Governor's position.

Repeal Health Care Provider Fees for Data Collection and Dissemination

The Governor's budget repeals the \$70 physician assessment fee. The Committee voted to transfer \$1,000,000 collected from that fee to the

general fund. The motion also requires DHS to use any remaining money collected from the fee. (Motion #186, 12-4)

[Wisconsin Well Woman Funding Increase](#)

JFC voted unanimously to add \$100,000 to the Wisconsin Well Woman Program. ([Co-Chairs news release](#)) ([Motion #189](#), 16-0)

JFC created a two-year grant to an entity that provides advanced life support training for medical personnel in rural Wisconsin. ([Motion #159](#), 16-0)

The Committee increased the time period a pharmacy to update the Wisconsin Immunization Registry after administering a vaccine from 24 hours to 7 days. ([Motion#180](#), 16-0)

Current law allows a special prosecutor to be appointed if the DA is unavailable due to a health reason or on maternity or paternity leave. JFC voted to allow a special prosecutor in the same manner for an assistant or deputy district attorney. (Motion#182, 16-0)

[Governor](#)

[Transfer Read to Lead](#)

The Governor's budget transfers this program from the Governor's office to the Department of Children and Families. JFC modified the Governor's motion to allow for a spend down of existing funds. (Alt. 2, 14-2)

[Lieutenant Governor](#)

No changes were made to the Governor's plan

[Legislature](#)

[Judicial Compensation Commission and the Joint Committee on Employment Relations](#) JFC deleted the Governor's plan to create a Judicial Compensation Committee and made salaries for all Supreme Court Justices the same. ([Motion #184](#), 12-4)

The Committee also voted to create a commission to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the State Capitol. ([Motion #188](#), 16-0)

[District Attorneys](#)

[Standard Budget Adjustments](#): Modification accepted by unanimous consent

[Pay Progression](#)

JFC voted unanimously to provide a 2% pay increase for eligible assistant district attorneys, deputy district attorneys, and assistant state public defenders.

[Special Prosecutor Appointments](#) Modified (Alt. A1, B1, C2)

[Transfer State Prosecutors Office from the Department of Administration to the Department of Justice](#) (Alt.3, adopted 16-0)

JFC authorized and funded moving the Florence County DA position to full-time. ([Motion #185](#), 16-0)

In addition, the committee increased DA positions in Buffalo and Pepin Counties to full time. ([Motion #193](#), 16-0)

Public Defender

Increased Staffing for the Public Defender

The Committee did not change the Governor's proposal in this area.

Conflicts Office Creation The Governor's budget creates a conflicts office. JFC deleted the proposal. (Alt 3, 12-4)

Cybersecurity The Governor's budget provides \$1,325,600 GPR in 2015-16 and \$653,600 GPR in 2016-17 for increased cyber security upgrades. Previous upgrades allowed JFC to trim \$672,000 from the funding. (Alt. 2, 12-4)

Natural Resources - Environmental Quality

Ballast Water Discharge Fees

JFC approved the Governor's proposal with modifications (Alt. 1,4, 12-4)

Environmental Management Account Overview

No action required

Well Compensation Grant Appropriation

The Committee modified the Governor's proposal (Alt. 1B, 2, 3, 16-0)

Contaminated Sediment Bonding

JFC modified the Governor's proposal. (Alt. A3, B2, 12-4)

Municipal and County Recycling Grants: No action required (Governor's position)

Convert Pollution Abatement Debt Service from GPR to SEG

Environmental Management Account: No action required (Governor's position)

Environmental Enforcement Modified Governor's plan. (Alt. 3, 5B, 12-4)

Transfer Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Regulation from DSPS to DNR Modified Governor's proposal. (Alt. 2, 12-4)

Repeal Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Grant Program (Alt. C2c, 16-0)

Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative: Held over.

Extension Recycling Education and Solid Waste Research and Experiments: Held over.

Wisconsin Environmental Education Board: Held over.

PECFA Program Sunset Vote: Adopted 16-0 w/ 1 [motion](#)

[PECFA Revenue Obligation Retirement](#) Modified (Alt. 3, adopted 16-0)

[Aviation Fuel Petroleum Inspection Fee Refund Re-estimate](#): Modification accepted by unanimous consent.

[Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program](#): No action required (Governor's position)

JFC made it easier for communities to replace small culverts. ([Motion #194](#), 12-4)

JFC modified development procedures followed by the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) ([Motion #153](#), 12-4)

The Committee also directed DNR to provide a grant to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River to support ongoing activities conducted by the organization. ([Motion #149](#), 16-0)

Up Next

The Joint Committee on Finance will meet in Executive Session on the 2015-17 biennial budget on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in [Room 412 East, State Capitol](#). The Executive Session will be held on the budgets of the following agencies:

Department of Workforce Development -- Departmentwide
Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
Department of Natural Resources -- Parks and Forestry
Department of Administration -- General Agency Provisions
Department of Justice
