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## Gudex statement on bill removing legislators from the WEDC Board

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Board has a lot of highly talented, knowledgeable people serving on it. Having served on the Board this past year, it is clear to me that we need more people like them, and fewer who are pursuing partisan agendas.

This change will bring additionally needed expertise to the Board, and at the same time will allow for more open discussion and engagement among the Board members.

This bill doesn't remove the Legislature's oversight of WEDC. We still have standing committees that are engaged with economic development, and WEDC is statutorily required to report to the Legislature and to JFC several times a year.

Economic development, job creation, and reducing the skills gap are too important to bog down our biggest economic development organization with partisan politics. That's why I'm introducing this bill.

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