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Assembly Committee Passes AB 251

Stroebel: Bill Represents a Return to Constitutional Government

Madison, WI – Today the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations passed Assembly Bill 251. The bill makes various changes regarding the rule-making procedures established under current law. In addition to shifting important rule making authority from the executive branch to the legislative branch, the bill draws a bright line regarding the required economic impact analysis.

If the agency's economic impact analysis establishes that a proposed rule will result in implementation and compliance costs of \$10 million or more, the agency proposing the rule must either submit a request to the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules in order to introduce a bill authorizing promulgation of the proposed rule or modify the proposed rule to address the costs.

Upon passage, Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) issued the following statement:

“Policymakers constantly talk about the need to rein in unaccountable bureaucrats by limiting the growth in the volume of administrative rules. Rarely do we get the chance to reestablish the proper role of the legislature within our constitutionally mandated separation of powers. The legislature makes policy and the executive branch executes properly debated policy decisions.

I commend Senators LeMahieu and Nass and Representative Neylon for embracing this critical challenge. It should not go unnoticed that this bill has the full support of the Administration. Governor Walker clearly appreciates the fact that the enduring nature of our constitutional republic is more important than any turf war between the legislative and executive branches. This bill strengthens the role of the legislature in the rule making process at the expense of executive power and the Governor should be commended for enthusiastically supporting this reform.

I look forward to voting in favor of this realignment of the rule making process. By empowering elected legislators, the taxpayers of Wisconsin will once again have greater control over the rule making process.”

Senator Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. He lives in Cedarburg with his wife Laura and eight children.

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