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Lassa's C.O.R.E. Jobs Act approved by Senate committee

A plan by state Democrats to stimulate the state's economy took its first step forward today when the Wisconsin C.O.R.E. Jobs Act was passed unanimously by the Senate Committee on Economic Development.

The C.O.R.E. Jobs Act also would expand tax credits for investors in startup companies, create a microloan program to small businesses in areas of high unemployment, and provide money to reopen factories for green energy production and manufacturing. It would also provide \$2 million to a business assistance program at the WiSys Technology Foundation, the technology transfer arm for the UW comprehensive universities, to help match small- and medium-sized Wisconsin businesses with researchers at UW institutions to help the businesses move forward and create in-state jobs.

"I was glad to see that the bill received bipartisan support from the committee," Sen. Lassa, D-Stevens Point, who chairs the Economic Development Committee and helped write the bill, said in a statement. "Members recognized that the need to revive Wisconsin's economy and create good-paying jobs is more important than partisan wrangling."
