



## KATHLEEN VINEHOUT STATE SENATOR

### A Better Way to Balance the State's Budget With the SAME Dollars

The budget: Does not raise taxes.  
Does not alter the Governor's plan to pay down debt (and to restructure some debt.)  
Accepts public employees' offer to increase retirement contributions.

What the budget buys:

- ✓ School Aids funded at 85% of the base year.
- ✓ Certain categorical aids fully funded (high poverty aid, school milk, school breakfast, transportation, sparsity, STEM)
- ✓ Tech Colleges fully funded.
- ✓ Family Care enrollment is not capped.
- ✓ Cuts to Homestead Exemption and Earned Income Tax Credits are eliminated.
- ✓ Assistance to Needy Veterans & Veterans Personal Loan Program are fully funded.

What the budget does not buy:

- ✓ New charter and voucher schools
- ✓ New student information system & testing
- ✓ New Governor's Reading Task Force
- ✓ New Office of Business Development
- ✓ Salary adjustments in DOA & Governor's Office
- ✓ Expansion of ARDCs
- ✓ New DHS contracts – Birth to Three, Food Share & other contractual services.
- ✓ New tax credits, tax decreases, sales tax breaks.
- ✓ New Security Costs for the Capitol

The numbers reflect the following:

- ✓ School employee contributions to retirement are accepted.
- ✓ Health insurance contributions for schools & tech colleges are not included as this varies so much by school & tech college district.
- ✓ Tech colleges funded with an additional \$34 million. Tech Colleges say the employee give backs give them \$37.5 million. They need \$34 million to be whole.
- ✓ Schools are funded to 85% of general school aid.
- ✓ Family Care is kept open (without a cap) in counties where it already exists.
- ✓ Transfers are reversed from the General Fund to Transportation, WEDC & UW.

## SENATOR VINEHOUT'S ALTERNATIVE BUDGET

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2011-13</u>	Comparative Summary		
				<u>Type of Funds</u>	<u>Budget Page #</u>	<u>Item #</u>
<b><u>Changes to Expenses</u></b>						
<b>CHANGES TO GENERAL FUND (GPR)</b>						
Restore General School Aid Cuts (85%)	-183,123,864	-168,296,898	-351,420,762	GPR	491	1
Restore High Poverty Aid Cuts	-1,870,000	-1,870,000	-3,740,000	GPR	493	4
Restore Aid to Sparsity (Rural Schools)	-1,494,800	-1,494,800	-2,989,600	GPR	498	3
Restore Aid to School Breakfast	-278,900	-278,900	-557,800	GPR	498	3
Restore Aid to School Day Milk	-68,600	-68,600	-137,200	GPR	498	3
Restore Aid to Pupil Transportation	-2,633,700	-2,633,700	-5,267,400	GPR	489	3
Restore Science, Tech, Engineering & Math	-59,400	-59,400	-118,800	GPR	500	8
Restore Reduction in Tech College Aid	-18,700,000	-15,300,000	-34,000,000	GPR	699	4
Remove Family Care Cap for Counties with Family Care	-26,726,300	-89,210,600	-115,936,900	GPR	320	4
Reverse Tax Increase to Earned Income Tax Credit	-27,300,000	-28,900,000	-56,200,000	GPR	263	4
Reverse Tax Relief Homestead Tax Credit	-3,100,000	-10,500,000	-13,600,000	GPR	567	2
<b>CHANGES TO VETERANS TRUST FUND</b>						
Restore Assistance to Needy Veterans	-271,800	-271,800	-543,600	SEG	674	8
Restore Veterans Personal Loan Program	-2,000,000	-2,000,000	-4,000,000	SEG	676	11
<b>SUBTOTAL (Increased Expenditures in GPR):</b>	<b>-267,627,364</b>	<b>-320,884,698</b>	<b>-588,512,062</b>			

**Changes to Revenue**

<b>CHANGES TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>2011-12</u></b>	<b><u>2012-13</u></b>	<b><u>2011-13</u></b>	<b>Type of Funds</b>	<b>Reference: <u>Page No.</u></b>	<b><u>Item No.</u></b>
<b>Reverse Independent Charter School Subsidy</b>	5,820,000	10,485,000	16,305,000	GPR	511	10
<b>Reduce Expansion of Charter Schools</b>	0	4,665,000	4,665,000	GPR	512	12
<b>Eliminate Parental Choice Expansion</b>	6,442,000	12,884,000	19,326,000	GPR	503	2
<b>Eliminate Racine Parental Choice Program</b>	992,100	1,984,100	2,976,200	GPR	509	8
Eliminate Purchase of New Student Info System	0	15,000,000	15,000,000	GPR	521	5
Eliminate Elementary School Reading Task Force	600,000	600,000	1,200,000	GPR	23	9
Eliminate New Office of Business Development	181,700	181,700	363,400	GPR	24	11
Eliminate New Spending for Knowledge & Concepts Exams	2,795,800	4,578,300	7,374,100	GPR	522	6
Reverse Salary Increases in Dept of Administration	939,700	921,000	1,860,700	GPR	20	1
Reverse Salary & Fringe Adjustments in Governor's Office	201,300	201,300	402,600	GPR	306	1
Reverse Expansion Aging & Disability Resource Centers	273,200	4,287,200	4,560,400	GPR	322	5
Eliminate New Contract Third Party Claims Admin Birth-3	10,704,400	12,165,500	22,869,900	GPR	332	13
Reverse Deferral of Capital Gains Reinvested	16,100,000	20,200,000	36,300,000	GPR	260	1
Reverse Combined Reporting Loss Carry Forward	9,200,000	37,200,000	46,400,000	GPR	270	15
Reverse Domestic Production Activities Credit	0	10,100,000	10,100,000	GPR	276	24
Remove New Contracted Services MA & Food Share	15,393,500	15,325,000	30,718,500	GPR	346	2
Remove Expansion of Contracted Admin Services for MA Changes	2,041,200	1,692,300	3,733,500	GPR	347	3
JFC Agency Supplements Capitol Security Costs	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	GPR	483	1
JFC Agency Supplements ETF Participant Services	2,861,400	3,674,700	6,536,100	SEG	483	1
JFC Agency Dependent Eligibility Audit	700,000	0	700,000	SEG	483	1
Reverse Sales Tax Exemption to Modular Homes	195,000	260,000	455,000	GPR	278	2
Reverse Repeal of Fees on Criminal Record Checks	961,900	961,900	1,923,800	PR	400	9
Reverse Tax Breaks on LTC Insurance Part of an Annuity	710,000	1,200,000	1,910,000	GPR	10	266
<b>SUBTOTAL (Less Revenue Not Spent Returned to GPR)</b>	<b>87,113,200</b>	<b>158,567,000</b>	<b>245,680,200</b>	<b>GPR</b>		
<b>REVERSE TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL FUND</b>						
Return Real Estate Renewal Fee to GPR	27,600	27,600	55,200	GPR	549	9
<b>Remove GPR Transfer to WI Eco Development Corporation</b>	<b>18,743,700</b>	<b>16,399,600</b>	<b>35,143,300</b>	<b>GPR</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Return JFC GPR transfer to WEDC</b>	<b>15,660,800</b>	<b>16,660,800</b>	<b>32,321,600</b>	<b>GPR</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>1c</b>
Transfer of General Fund Taxes to Transportation	0	35,127,000	35,127,000	GPR	602	2
Reverse Transfer from GPR to pay State Hwy Rehab Bonds	115,351,500	0	115,351,500	GPR	602	2
One Time Transfer from GPT to Transportation	23,000,000	102,000,000	125,000,000	GPR	602	2
<b>SUBTOTAL (Transferred Revenue Returned to GPR)</b>	<b>138,351,500</b>	<b>102,000,000</b>	<b>342,998,600</b>	<b>GPR</b>		
<b>CHANGES TO GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>-588,512,062</b>			
<b>Revenue to Off Set Increases in Expenditures (above)</b>			<b>588,678,800</b>			
<b>NET (INCREASE OR DECREASE TO GENERAL FUND)</b>			<b>166,738</b>			