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More Excess Stadium Sales Tax Money Coming?

Provision in law may generate additional checks for communities this week

Madison- Today, State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) announced the possibility of additional financial returns to Brown County and its communities from the Lambeau Stadium sales tax. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) has conducted follow-up reviews of sales tax information in order to determine any remaining excess funds to be returned. This week, DOR will determine if additional funds will be returned as the result of collections through audits, penalties, and interest.

“When I initially authored legislation to return excess stadium sales tax, I was committed to ensuring that every penny of excess tax would be returned to its rightful owners, the taxpayers of Brown County. This review by DOR to determine any additional returns shows that the law is working as it should be. DOR will continue to review this information annually to ensure any future additional excess tax will be returned as well,” said Rep. Steffen.

During this legislative session, Rep. Steffen authored legislation to return over \$17 million to Brown County and its subdivisions that was collected through the 0.5% Lambeau Stadium sales tax. Brown County and its municipalities received their returns at the close of 2015. The legislation requires an annual review of sales tax information in order to return any additional excess funds that have been collected.

“I have already seen what a positive impact these returns have had in our community. Local leaders have done an outstanding job of diligently and prudently handling returns in ways that will best benefit their communities. I am confident that this strong leadership will continue with any future returns that are set to benefit our communities,” said Rep. Steffen.

Rep. Steffen is available for additional comments relating to this release. He can be reached directly at 920-246-0102.

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