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## Rep. Steffen Hosts "Evolution of Energy" Hearing

Joint informational hearing showcases cutting-edge energy technology

**Madison, WI** – Today, State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) hosted a joint informational public hearing focused on the "Evolution of Energy." Rep. Steffen serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities and organized a series of speakers to share their subject-matter expertise related to cutting-edge energy technology.

Wisconsin represents an "all of the above" approach to meeting our state's energy needs with an energy portfolio boasting a diverse range of renewable and nonrenewable sources. Today's hearing showcased a number of emerging technologies and energy sources that will be key to meeting Wisconsin's future energy needs.

"As Wisconsin's energy needs continue to grow, it is critical that we further diversify our energy portfolio and support new and innovative technologies. I am particularly proud of the fact that Wisconsin is at the forefront of this evolution—as demonstrated today by two Wisconsin-based companies that are leaders in carbon-neutral products and fusion energy. As the home of these energy leaders, I am excited and confident about the future of energy in Wisconsin," said Rep. Steffen.

Today's speakers represented four companies/organizations including:

- o Virent, Inc.: A Wisconsin-based company leading the way in carbon-neutral products.
- o Realta Fusion, Inc.: A Wisconsin-based company leading the way in fusion energy technology.
- o X-energy: A national leader in advanced nuclear reactors and fuel design.
- Electric Power Research Institute: A leader in clean energy research and development, including rapidly advancing hydrogen technology.

Presenters offered a wealth of information in their subject areas to both Assembly and Senate members in this joint hearing. Committee members were provided ample opportunity to pose questions to grow their own knowledge of this ever evolving sector.

For more information, please contact the office of Representative Steffen at Rep.Steffen@legis.wisconsin.gov.

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