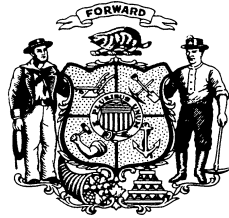# STATE OF WISCONSIN

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Joint Committee on Finance Provides $32M for UW System; $5M for Dentistry Residence Program

MADISON, WI – Today, the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) approved three requests under Wis. Stat. 13.10 which provides $32M for UW System to focus on workforce initiatives; releases $5M for Marquette School of Dentistry to establish a dentistry residence program; and transfers $2.3M from a land sale at the Northern Wisconsin Center to pay down debt at the facility. Following the meeting, the Co-Chairs Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) and Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) made the following statement:

"We're proud of the committee's actions today to support the growth of our state's workforce, particularly in engineering; nursing and other healthcare fields; business and finance; and data/computer science. The UW-System plan for spending $32 million on key areas will help our universities continue to be more competitive in offering programs in high demand fields that are building tomorrow's workforce. We're grateful for the partnership of UW-System in creating this plan that focuses our campus' priorities on supporting students' success and achievement in the workforce.

"The committee's vote to release $5 million to the Marquette School of Dentistry will also bolster our workforce by ensuring our state's sole dentistry school offers students a wide range of experiences in their studies. This program will provide students graduating from the School of Dentistry more advanced training that will support better patient care at our hospitals and reduce medically-unnecessary emergency room visits."

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