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HEBL ATTENDS PRESTIGIOUS LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

MADISON - State Representative Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) was among 37 select lawmakers chosen to participate last week in a training program that annually identifies and assists promising state leaders in the Midwest.

Hebl met with fellow lawmakers from Wisconsin and 10 other Midwestern states and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan on Aug. 8-12, in Madison, for The Council of State Governments' 14th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD).

"It was an honor and a privilege to participate in this distinguished fellowship," Hebl said. "Having the opportunity to meet with legislators from across the Midwest was a very rewarding experience. I appreciated having the chance to learn about what my Republican and Democratic colleagues from around the country are doing to advance sensible public policy."

Since 1995, more than 440 of the region's lawmakers have graduated from the Bowhay Institute. State legislators from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin are chosen to participate through a competitive, nonpartisan selection process. Members of the Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan legislative assemblies are selected by their caucuses to take part in the program.

"The Bowhay Institute is one of the premier leadership training programs in the nation," says Iowa Rep. J. Scott Raecker, who serves as co-chair of the institute's steering committee. "The legislatures in the region have benefited greatly from the skills their members have gained through this unique educational experience. Many of the graduates now hold leadership positions in their states."

BILLD courses and seminars are conducted by La Follette faculty, Midwestern legislative leaders and professional development experts. In addition to courses designed to develop leadership skills, the program analyzes a variety of public policy issues, including education, energy and corrections. Founded in 1933, The Council of

State Governments has national headquarters in Lexington, Ky., and regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago (Lombard, Ill.), New York City and Sacramento.

The goal of the national, nonpartisan organization is to assist and advance state government by providing research assistance, professional development opportunities, inter-state consulting services and suggested state legislation.

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