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**Rep. Tranel’s Ag Bills Signed Into Law**

*Bills were part of the Dairy Task Force 2.0 legislative package*

Madison, WI – Today, two bills authored by State Representative Travis Tranel (R - Cuba City) were signed into law by Governor Tony Evers. Senate Bill 685 removes the annual requirement for the rBST (synthetic bovine growth hormone) affidavit under Administrative Rule ATCP 83.02. Senate Bill 684 provides reciprocity for bulk milk weighing and sampling licenses between states.

“These bills will help save dairy cooperatives and processer’s time and money by simplifying the record keeping obligations they currently need to maintain,” said Tranel. “This change also brings Wisconsin in line with reporting requirements in other states.”

Both bills enjoyed bipartisan support and were recommended by the Dairy 2.0 Task Force. They are intended to help the dairy industry become more competitive and sustainable moving forward. Key agricultural groups supporting the bills included the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Cooperative Network and the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association. Senate Bill 684 also enjoyed support from the Wisconsin Milk Haulers Association.

“We have been working to find common sense ways to improve profitably and viability within the dairy industry during these extremely challenging economic times,” said Tranel. “I would like to thank Senator Andre Jacque (R- DePere) for being the senate lead sponsor of both bills and Governor Evers for signing them into law.”

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