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GOP Hypocrisy on Lincoln Hills Reflected in Assembly Vote

Election year politics on display

MADISON – Today, Assembly Democratic Leader Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) called for a vote on Assembly Bill 791, authored by Rep. Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee), which would move Wisconsin’s juvenile corrections system to a regional model and re-purpose Lincoln Hills as an adult facility focused on drunk driving offenses. The bill was brought to the Assembly floor the same day Governor Walker announced that he would call for the legislature to pass a similar plan before the session ends.

“Governor Walker and legislative Republicans have taken so many positions on Lincoln Hills in the past three months, they’re not sure what they believe anymore. First, they said everything was fine. Then the plan was going to be addressed in the next budget. This morning, Governor Walker wanted immediate action by the legislature. And this afternoon, the Assembly Republicans voted against a bill the Governor modeled his plan after. These actions are indicative of what people hate about politics, saying and doing anything to get re-elected without any intention of following through with their promises.”

“For six years, Governor Walker ignored the calls for help at Lincoln Hills. For six years he ignored the investigations of abuse and violence that affected kids and guards alike. While I had hoped Governor Walker and legislative Republicans were serious about juvenile corrections reform, today’s vote demonstrates they were simply giving lip service in an election year.”

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