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ICYMI: What They're Saying about Governor Walker's Election Year Tax Gimmick

(MADISON) Today, Assembly Republicans are set to pass AB 944. Governor Walker first touted this election year gimmick in January during his State of the State Address. Despite support from Wisconsin Republicans, conservative thinkers across the country have other thoughts on this costly, ineffective public policy:

"I love Scott Walker & the reforms he and the WI conservatives have done, but this idea to give a quickly \$100 per child tax credit to parents before the election reeks of the type of vote buying & game playing we've ripped on Dems for doing for 30 years."
WISN 1130 AM radio host Jay Weber January 25 [tweet](#)

"Our ending balances, our cushion, are up some, but they're really still nowhere near where most public policy budget analysts would recommend. There's room to get better in terms of that cushion because the one thing we do know is there is a recession coming. We don't know when but we do know it's coming at some point."

Dale Knapp, research director for the Wisconsin Policy Forum, [January 25](#)

"Left-leaning critics say the holidays are regressive and cost states money that could be spent on other priorities. Right-leaning groups agree that they are regressive, and argue that they don't attract new business for retailers. Instead, they say, the holidays just concentrate buying into a single weekend."

Elaine S. Povich, ["In Some States, Sales Tax Holidays Lose Luster"](#) August 04, 2017

"Despite their political popularity, sales tax holidays are based on poor tax policy and distract policymakers and taxpayers from real, permanent, and economically beneficial tax reform. Sales tax holidays introduce unjustifiable government distortions into the economy without providing any significant boost to the economy. They represent a real cost for businesses without providing substantial benefits. They are also an inefficient means of helping low-income consumers and an ineffective means of providing savings to consumers."

The Tax Foundation ["Sales Tax Holidays: Politically Expedient but Poor Tax Policy,"](#) July 25, 2017

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