

Conservative Victories

Overview

- Reduces the state's FTE count by over 432 FTE in each year, compared to the Governor's budget recommendation.
- Spends nearly \$500M all funds less than the Governor's recommended budget.
 - Ends with a projected general fund balance of about \$200M.
 - An increase of \$110M when compared to the Governor's budget recommendation.
- Holds the line on property and income taxes.

Welfare Reform

- Directs DHS to request a waiver from the federal government to include a work and training program for childless adults enrolled in Medical Assistance.
- Expunges unused FoodShare Balances - remove all FoodShare benefits and store the benefits offline for accounts that are inactive for a minimum of six months.
- Increases funding for medical assistance and FoodShare fraud prevention and investigation activities.
- Requires job search and job skills training for parents not meeting child support payment obligations.
- Requires substance abuse screening, testing, *and* treatment as a condition of eligibility for certain W-2 employment positions.
- Expands the Learnfare school attendance requirement to permit W-2 sanctions based on the basis of attendance in addition to enrollment.

Government Reform

- Each executive branch agency must include a report of all fees and a justification for each fee in its biennial budget request.
- Require a cost-benefit analysis of any lease of more than \$500,000 and require Legislative approval of such leases.
- Consolidates state agency HR management functions in DOA to reduce needed FTE and appropriations.
- Eliminates the rental unit energy efficiency program.
- Directs DSPS to conduct an occupational license study with the intention to reduce the number of licenses and barriers to licensure.
- Repealed the domestic partner registry.
- Directs an audit of family planning services paid for with medicaid funds.

Department of Transportation

- Transportation Projects Commission Improvements
 - Strengthening the role of the TPC will provide greater oversight of DOT for increased efficiency and effectiveness
 - Require a "50 State" study to determine engineering and construction best practices, analyze DOT's project prioritization process, and evaluate the

allocation between state highway rehabilitation, major highway development, and SE Wisconsin freeway megaprojects.

- Eliminate Prevailing Wage - Eliminate state prevailing wage law for state building projects and state highway projects effective September 1, 2018.
- Eliminate DOT Positions - Required DOT to eliminate 200 positions and report to JFC
- "Replace-In-Kind" - Encourage cost-conscious alternatives by require DOT to study, consider, and provide cost estimates for a "replace-in-kind" alternative when developing state highway construction plans.
- Aggregate Mining Preemption - Control costs of construction by prohibiting punitive local regulations that drive up the cost of aggregate materials, essential for road construction.
- Creates a \$75 fee for hybrid-electric vehicles and a \$100 fee for electric vehicles.
 - Create parity by charging an additional registration fee for those who are benefitting from our infrastructure while paying limited or no gas tax revenue.
 - As more and more manufacturers are shifting their focus to electric vehicles, this will help address our long-term transportation needs.
- Reduce the overall bonding as proposed by Governor Walker.
 - Bonding is just over \$400 million (including Foxconn bill), \$100 million less than the Governor proposed.
 - Reduced Transportation Fund Supported bonding by \$308M
 - Lowest Transportation Bonding Level in 10 years.
- Federal Swap
- Prohibit use of eminent domain for bike and recreational paths.

Department of Public Instruction

- Freezes use of the revenue limit exemption for energy projects for calendar year 2018.
- Limits the scheduling of referenda to a regularly scheduled election and caps the number of referenda that may be held in a year to two.
- Requires schools to report on employee health care benefit information.
- Expands school choice programs:
 - Broaden eligibility requirements.
 - Increases per pupil payment amounts by \$207 in FY18 and \$220 in FY19.
 - Increases the number of entities that may authorize an independent charter.
 - Increases access and flexibility for participation in the Special Needs Scholarship Program.
- Requires DPI to recognize an alternative teacher preparation program which will allow individuals with a Bachelor's degree to get a teaching license.
- Adds technical education programs to the school accountability report under the postsecondary readiness category.
- Increases the score needed to pass the state civics exam.

University of Wisconsin System

- Creates a performance funding system to ensure state funds are spent responsibly.
- Reduces the GPR appropriation compared to the Governor's recommendations.
- Freezes tuition for another two years.

- Requires a review of policies related to academic freedom.
- Creates the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership.
- Requires an independent audit of the UW System.
- Prohibits hiring committees from requiring candidates to have tenure or terminal degrees.
- Requires a study of faculty and academic staff teaching workload.

Taxes

- In addition to holding income taxes flat, we repealed (ended) three different taxes:
 - The forestry mill tax (i.e. state property tax) (over \$180M in savings to taxpayers);
 - The alternative minimum tax (\$7M in savings to taxpayers); and,
 - The soda water beverages tax.
- Reforms municipal levy limit referenda to make them more transparent and accountable to taxpayers.
- Allows counties to enter into shared service agreements to more efficiently and effectively deliver services to taxpayers.
- \$75M Personal Property Tax Cut - Repeals a portion of the onerous personal property tax so that small businesses can spend more time growing their business than paying taxes and filing reports with the government.
- Requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to use statistical sampling when auditing small businesses.
 - This will ensure DOR is able to conduct an adequate audit while protecting small businesses from onerous, costly audits.
- Deletes the Governor's recommended expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Prevents BID assessments on City of Milwaukee residential properties.