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Rep. James' Bill on Homelessness Gets Public Hearing

Madison – Today, Representative James' bill, AB 120, was given a public hearing in the Committee on Workforce Development. The bill, which would provide more grant funding for case management services, is part of a number of bills on homelessness introduced by Assembly colleagues.

“Case management is a proven strategy in battling homelessness,” said Rep. James. “Research has shown that it can lead to better housing outcomes, improve mental health and have a positive impact on one’s quality of life.”

The bill is a policy recommendation from the Interagency Council on Homelessness, a bipartisan council created last legislative session. More specifically, the bill would increase funding for case management services at shelter facilities from \$500,000 per biennium to \$1,000,000 per biennium. It would also eliminate the limit on how many grants may be awarded annually, allowing more organizations like the ones in the Eau Claire area to receive funding.

“I want to reiterate my thanks to the men and women who served on the Interagency Council on Homelessness and to former Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch who led this endeavor last session. In collaboration with the legislation authored by my colleagues, I believe we can make a difference in the fight to end homelessness in Wisconsin.”

A link to the legislation may be found [here](#).

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