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Representative Hurd Votes for Largest Tax Cut in State History

Madison – State Representative Karen Hurd (R-Fall Creek) is proud of her vote to provide substantial investments in key programs while providing the largest tax cut in state history. The budget bill advanced out of the Assembly in a 63 to 35 vote along party lines.

Governor Evers proposed a massive increase in state spending, which would have raised taxes on hardworking Wisconsin residents by over \$2 billion. These new taxes would have gone to expanding welfare, creating wasteful new government programs, and growing government.

When it comes to strong fiscal management, Legislative Republicans have worked hard to decrease government bureaucracy and save money for future generations.

The approved budget makes historic investments in K12 education, with over one billion dollars going to classrooms throughout the state. Legislative Republicans know the importance of investing in our future generation, and provide funding in key areas like aid for mental health and literacy initiatives in our schools.

Republicans are making investments in our state’s infrastructure by increasing funding by \$1.5 billion for local roads, bridges, and other critical means of travel throughout Wisconsin. Our budget increases funding for local roads by \$285 million, through general transportation aids, the local road improvement program, and a new agricultural road improvement program.

While Wisconsin’s unemployment rate is back to historic lows, the labor force participation rate remains below pre-pandemic levels. Our budget reflects the need to address the workforce crisis by supporting talent attraction and retention initiatives and making critical investments in workforce housing.

“Everyone wins with this budget. This is the largest tax cut in state history with a major cut in state income tax and a full elimination of personal property tax. At the same time, we have also increased K-12 spending by one billion dollars. Our budget also invests over one and half billion dollars in roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure.

I am thankful for those on the Joint Finance Committee and the immense amount of work they did to get this budget done. I am extra grateful to my budget buddy, Representative Katsma. The communication between our offices was great throughout the whole process. Working with him enabled me to get many of my budget resolutions, like the Lake Altoona sediment collector, into the state budget.”



KAREN HURD
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The budget bill now moves to the governor's desk.

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The 68th Assembly District includes portions of Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Clark Counties including the communities of Altoona, Fall Creek, Augusta, Fairchild, Greenwood, Owen, Withee, Thorp, Cadott, Boyd, Stanley, the Town of Lafayette, and parts of Eau Claire.