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Rep. Edming's Statement on Passage of the 2021-23 State Budget

MADISON – Representative James Edming (R-Glen Flora) released the following statement after voting in favor of the 2021-23 State Budget ([Assembly Bill \(AB\) 68](#)) on Tuesday evening.

“Since the state budget was introduced by Governor Evers back in February, I’ve been listening to the hardworking people of the 87th Assembly District and gathering feedback on this two-year spending plan for our state. From the meetings around the district during my six in-district budget office hours, the over 850 survey responses, the many contacts to my office, and conversations with folks around the district, my constituents shared with me their priorities for our state budget. As this proposal worked through the legislative process, I advocated on behalf of the people of the 87th District and worked to get as many of their priorities as possible addressed.

“One of the top priorities I heard about from constituents is the need for tax relief. I am pleased that this budget delivers on that priority with a historic \$3.4 billion tax relief package targeted at the middle class. This plan will reduce the tax burden on many individuals, families, and small businesses around the 87th District. In addition, this package incorporates [legislation](#) I authored that exempts active duty military pay from state income taxes.

“Another budget priority for the citizens of the 87th District is investing in our roads and bridges. I am proud that this budget builds upon the increased funding for our local roads from last session by investing over \$130 million in state highway rehabilitation and \$100 million in the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). The investment in the LRIP is a \$25 million increase over what was proposed by the governor.

“With legislation the size of the state budget, there are always going to be some parts that I do not agree with. However, this budget proposal addresses a number of the priorities for the people I represent in the 87th District in a reasonable, responsible, and realistic manner which is why it earned my support.”

AB 68 was approved with [bipartisan support](#) and now heads to the state Senate for further consideration.

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The 87th Assembly District includes portions of Clark, Marathon, Rusk, Sawyer and Taylor Counties.