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Disaster Relief Tax Credit Clears Assembly Committee

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Madison, WI – Today, the Assembly Committee on Jobs and Economy approved Assembly Bill 139, which provides a tax credit for individuals relocating to Wisconsin due to Hurricane Helene or the Los Angeles wildfires.

Introduced by Representative Cindi Duchow (R – Delafield) and Senator Dan Feyen (R – Fond du Lac), AB 139 offers a one-time state income tax credit of up to \$10,000 for individuals who move from Los Angeles County or North Carolina. The credit applies to the 2025 or 2026 tax year.

Rep. Duchow released the following statement following the Committee's approval of AB 139:

"This bill presents a great opportunity for Wisconsin to address our workforce shortages by encouraging highly skilled people who were affected by these devastating disasters and want a fresh start to move to our wonderful state. These people need a place to live, and I can't think of a better place than right here in Wisconsin. Having passed out of committee, I am confident the rest of my colleagues will support this fantastic idea on the floor."

AB 139 now awaits consideration by the full Assembly. Its companion bill in the Senate, Senate Bill 118, has not yet received a public hearing in its respective committee.

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Rep. Duchow represents the 97th Assembly District, which includes the villages of Dousman, Eagle, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, Palmyra, Sullivan, Summit, and Wales; the towns of Concord, Delafield, Eagle, Genesee, Hebron, Mukwonago, Ottawa, Palmyra, and Sullivan; and the City of Delafield.