**Town Hall Meetings – Issue Summary by State Agency**

DATCP

1. Governor’s Budget:
	1. Study regarding feasibility of moving CAFO oversight to DATCP
	2. Elimination of Farm to School Program

Corrections

1. Governor’s Budget:
	1. Parole Commission Elimination/Transfer of power to DOC “Director of Parole”
		1. Critics worry this will eliminate the abilities of prisoners to seeking early release from the Board.
		2. Walker is expanding the Earned Release program which allows nonviolent offenders to shorten their sentence by completing substance abuse programs
	2. Lincoln Hills – Ongoing Lincoln Hills issue may come up
		1. Recent legislation passed in Senate to make corrections officials mandatory reporters of child abuse
		2. The budget expands operating capacity at the Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility.
		3. Adding 8 FTEs at Lincoln Hills

DPI/K-12 Education

1. Governor’s Budget: $649 million more
	1. K-12 Funding – largest increase in per pupil aid since creation of program.
	2. Per pupil aid would rise to $200 in 2018 to $450 per student and increase another $204 per student in 2019 to $654 per student.

DSPS

1. Create Occupational License Review Council – to study and report on the elimination of occupational licenses
2. Educational Approval Board – Governor’s budget would eliminate the EAB which regulates for profit universities. Duties would be transferred to DSPS critics claim this move would kill oversight of for profit universities.

Financial Institutions

1. Financial literacy job center pilot – developing a financial literacy training course for state staff who work at county public benefit enrollment centers or job centers to provide targeted individuals with information to improve their understanding of financial concepts – $45,000 FY18.
2. Transfer college savings program from DOA – more efficient and expertise to house in DFI – $1.5 million FY18-19, 2 FTE.

Health Services

1. Medicaid budget includes $70 million increase in nursing home provider payments and a $19 million rise in personal care provided

Justice

1. Concealed Carry
2. Constitutional Carry
3. SB 61 Civil Asset Forfeiture – Authored legislation
4. Building Commission approved plan for new $75,000,000 crime lab in southeast WI

Natural Resources

1. High Capacity Wells (SB 76) – Allows for transfer of permit to new owner without obtaining new permit. Provides for a water study.
2. Lead testing in rental properties and providing notice to renters (SB 41)
3. Dredging – DNR published Draft general permit for public comment
4. Governor’s Budget:
	1. DNR magazine elimination
	2. Study regarding feasibility of moving CAFO oversight to DATCP

Revenue

1. Additional 38 FTE’s to expand auditing activity.
2. Additional 8 FTE’s to increase debt collection for state agencies and local governments.
3. Gov proposes to change the filing date of income or franchise taxes for corporations, partnerships and LLC to coincide w/ the due date of their federal tax returns.
4. Any income or sales tax credit, exemption or subtraction that takes effect after Dec. 31, 2016 would end seven years following implementation.
5. 10-day sales tax “holiday” for school supplies, clothing and computers in both Aug. 2017 and 2018.

Transportation

1. DOT Budget Request/Spending
2. DOT Audit
3. Inspector General – Sponsored legislation creating IG w/in DOT
4. Gas Tax - State portion of gas tax is 32.9 cents per gallon; Federal 18.4 cents
5. SB 80 Roundabouts – Sponsored legislation requiring local approval

UW System/Tech Colleges

1. Performance funding – the Governor would direct the Board of Regents to direct $42.5 million based on measures such as affordability and attainability, work readiness, student success in the state workforce, efficiency, and other metrics
2. Walker proposed a 5% tuition reduction. The Assembly has been walking back this proposal.
3. Allocable Segregated Fees – Governor’s budget would allow students to opt out of allocable fees.
4. Freedom of expression – budget would require each university to respect all viewpoints. (so-called “Milo/Ben Shapiro rule”)

Workforce Development

1. $11.5 million for WI Fast Forward.
2. Define “dual enrollment program” in statutes to mean a program or course of study designed to provide high school students the opportunity to gain credits in both technical college and high school.
3. Repeal prevailing wage.
4. Repeal PLA’s.

Miscellaneous/Federal

1. Article V Convention
	1. 3 bills introduced 1) balanced budget amendment, 2) appointment of delegates, 3) recognizing Assembly of State Legislators rules and procedures.
2. Gender Bathroom
3. Affordable Care Act Repeal/Replace
4. Cell Phone Tower Location Siting (Act 20)
5. Muslim Registry
6. Popular Vote
7. SB 42 Publication of Local Meeting Notices
8. SB 13 Non-Partisan Redistricting
9. Project Labor Agreements
10. SB 11 Minor Work Permit Authorization