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## Kerkman to Chair Audit Committee Next Session

**Madison:** Today, State Representative Samantha Kerkman (R-Randall) said that she has received her committee chairmanship assignments for the upcoming legislative session. Kerkman will serve as Assembly Co-Chair of the Joint Audit Committee and Vice-Chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The 2013-2014 legislative session will mark Kerkman's seventh term in the State Assembly and as a member of both the Joint Audit and Ways and Means Committees.

"I look forward to continuing to lead the Joint Audit Committee as we work to ensure efficiency in state government spending and operations," said Rep. Kerkman. The Audit Committee is responsible for deciding which state agencies and institutions should have their accounting documents examined by the Legislative Audit Bureau, a nonpartisan service agency. The Committee receives and reviews audit reports issued by the Bureau, conducts hearings on audit reports and potential audit topics, and introduces legislation pertaining to recommendations made in an audit.

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to continue in a leadership role on the Ways and Means Committee. This session I hope to help focus the Committee's work on tax reform, which is more important than ever for our taxpayers." The Ways and Means Committee shapes state tax and spending policy and considers legislation that is not part of the state budget.

"I'm anxious to get to work right after Inauguration," Rep. Kerkman said. The 2013-2014 Legislative Inauguration will be held January 7, 2013 at 2:00 pm at the State Capitol.

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