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State Budget Passes Senate with Major Wins for Northeast Wisconsin

Wimberger Motions, Including Port Expansion and Southern Bridge, Included in Final Budget

MADISON – Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto), Northeast Wisconsin’s only member on the Joint Committee on Finance, released the following statement after the 2025-26 State Budget passed the Wisconsin State Senate:

“From the start, I’ve advocated for a state budget that funds our infrastructure needs, lowers our tax burden, and delivers real relief for families across Wisconsin. I’m proud to serve on the budget-writing committee, and I’ve worked hard to secure millions of dollars for transformational projects that will benefit all of Northeast Wisconsin.”

ITEMS PASSED IN THE 2025-26 BUDGET CHAMPIONED BY SENATOR WIMBERGER

- **\$30 million to fund the Southern Bridge rail crossing project** serving Northeast Wisconsin, secured with the help of Representative Benjamin Franklin (R-De Pere)
- **\$20 million to support the expansion of the Port of Green Bay**, secured with the help of Rep. Franklin
- **New assistant district attorney positions for Northeast Wisconsin**, including 7 in Brown County, 2 serving Shawano and Menominee Counties, and 0.5 positions each for Marinette and Oconto Counties
- **Closing Green Bay Correctional Institution** by 2029
- **Higher investments in state-issued Dairy Processor Grants**, which help processors across Wisconsin modernize their systems and strengthen our title as “America’s Dairyland”
- **\$732 million in additional bonding authority for the Environmental Improvement Fund**, allowing communities across the state to take out low-interest loans to support local clean water initiatives

STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2025-26 BUDGET PASSED BY THE SENATE

- Turned the Governor’s \$2.7 billion tax hike into a \$1.4 billion tax cut, **saving taxpayers \$4.1 billion**
- **\$1.4 billion in additional spendable K-12 revenue** for Wisconsin’s schools
- **\$1.3 billion for Wisconsin’s roads and bridges**, including specific investments in agricultural and rural roads

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State Senator Eric Wimberger is an attorney, small business owner, and former Marine Captain. He serves as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance.

A media kit for Senator Wimberger can be found [here](#).