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WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Yesterday, the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) held an executive session to vote on budget provisions for the following agencies:

- Department of Public Instruction
- Higher Education Aids Board
- Wisconsin Technical College System
- UW System

Key increases beyond the base budget:

Department of Public Instruction:

- Places \$350 million into the existing Rainy Day Fund – this could be used for education funding or any other purpose depending on how federal COVID-19 relief funding is spent
- Doubles mental health categorical aids – an additional \$12 million
- Provides \$7 million for school-based mental health collaboration grants – 54% increase.
- Increases sparsity aid by \$6.3 million and expands eligibility
- Invests roughly \$13 million in High Cost Transportation Aid

UW System:

- \$8,250,000 million total investment in targeted programs
- Focuses on specific programs that the UW System and members are prioritizing.
- UW Building and Maintenance projects will be discussed during capital budget discussion.

Wisconsin Technical College System:

- \$9 million in total investment

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MY COMMITTEE UPDATES

On Wednesday, I held a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Insurance, Licensing, and Forestry. We heard testimony on the following bills:

SB300: Relating to: registration of pharmacy technicians.

SB259: Relating to: the regulation and licensure of genetic counselors.

SB347: Relating to: captive wildlife in facilities holding a U.S. Department of Agriculture exhibitor license.

SB293: Relating to: marriage solemnization requirements and marriage document requirements, issuance, and validity.

SB232: Relating to: allowing the Department of Safety and Professional Services and credentialing boards to grant credentials with provisional status.

SB233: Relating to: procedures for granting credentials granted by the Department of Safety and Professional Services and credentialing boards.

SB247: Relating to: short-term health coverage duration.

SB309: Relating to: funding for free and charitable clinics and defining telehealth.

LIBRARY FUNDING IN THE BUDGET

Our local libraries play a very important role throughout Wisconsin.

They offer access to a wide array of resources, promote literacy and learning, and provide a safe place for the community to come together as one.

In this biennial state budget, we were able to secure \$6 million for libraries.



ASSEMBLY ELECTION INVESTIGATION

This week, Speaker Vos announced the hiring of three former police officers to investigate claims of fraudulent voting in the 2020 Presidential Election. I will fill you in on this as we obtain more information.



MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

34th Assembly District

Saturday, May 29th
Harshaw

Sunday, May 30th
Saint Germain

Monday, May 31st
Phelps
Land O' Lakes
Eagle River
Rhinelanders
Newbold
Three Lakes

35th Assembly District

City of Tomahawk
9:30AM - Veterans Memorial Park
City of Merrill
10:30AM - St. Francis Cemetery
City of Antigo
9AM - Parade beginning at The Bay at Eastview Medical & Rehab
Village of Mattoon
11AM - Parade & Service
Town of Summit Lake
10AM - Parade & Service

36th Assembly District

City of Crivitz
11AM - Crivitz Community Veterans Park
Oconto Falls
12:30PM - Parade
City of Niagara
2PM - Ceremony

