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Senate Passes Limit on Late Fees for Transportation Aids Bill

Madison... Senator Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) authored a bill that passed the Senate which limits the maximum penalty for villages and towns who submit their annual report for general transportation aids late.

Under current law, municipalities are penalized by 1% of their previous year's overall aid amount per working day, up to a maximum of 10%. This legislation will limit that penalty to \$100 per working day, up to the maximum amount of \$2,200.

"My office has been made aware of municipalities' general transportation aids being reduced by thousands of dollars because of things like technical errors," said Ballweg. "We should be able to enforce these deadlines while not devastating their ability to adequately fund local road projects."

General transportation aids are state aid payments provided to county and municipal governments to offset the cost of road construction, maintenance and traffic operations.

This bill is awaiting action in the Assembly, and then will go on to the governor to sign into law.

To reach Sen. Ballweg with questions or comments please call (608) 266-0751 or email Sen.Ballweg@legis.wi.gov. The 14th Senate District is located in Central Wisconsin, and is composed of parts of Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Outagamie, Sauk, Waupaca, and Waushara Counties.

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