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Rep. Spreitzer selected to serve on Rural Broadband Study Committee

MADISON- Earlier this week, State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) was named to the Legislative Council Study Committee on Rural Broadband. The Committee will review the Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Program and broadband infrastructure in areas of the state with few broadband service providers and recommend options for the legislature to consider next session.

"While much of my district has access to high speed internet, I represent several small rural communities that still do not have adequate broadband access," Spreitzer said. "I have heard from many constituents for whom access to broadband is a top priority."

Study committees are formed to review important issues in the state, and are comprised of both legislators and public experts. The Study Committee on Rural Broadband will be evaluating the current Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Program and working on alternatives to support the construction of broadband infrastructure into rural parts of the state.

"I look forward to this opportunity to develop bipartisan solutions to ensure that the modern necessity of broadband internet access is available to all Wisconsin residents," Rep. Spreitzer added.

Spreitzer will join nine public members and three other legislators on the committee: Rep. Warren Petryk (R-Eleva), Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green), and Rep. Beth Meyers (D-Bayfield).

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