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Sen. Mark Spreitzer Introduces Bipartisan Legislation Establishing Shared Revenue Advisory Council

MADISON – Yesterday, Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) introduced bipartisan legislation to establish a shared revenue advisory council in Wisconsin with Representatives Sue Conley (D-Janesville), Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville), Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee), Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit) and Melissa Ratcliff (D-Cottage Grove). Senator Spreitzer released the following statement:

“This session, the legislature came together on a bipartisan basis for the first time in decades to meaningfully review the distribution of revenue from the state to local governments. I was proud to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve 2023 Act 12 for our district and for communities across Wisconsin, but this critical conversation cannot happen just once every few decades.

“This new legislation ensures that the topic of shared revenue is addressed at least once every 10 years, and that experts come together to review how we can best move our state forward. This legislation creates a council including legislators, local government representatives, and the Department of Revenue, which is tasked with reviewing how shared revenue has been distributed and making a recommendation on how the shared revenue formula could be improved.

“The state’s commitment to local governments is critical to the success of communities of all sizes. This session’s work to update shared revenue distributions will have a tremendous impact as local governments work to provide services for their residents - but many communities have already been faced with tough choices while the state failed to act.

“We have communities in the 15th State Senate District that don’t receive their fair share of state funding under either the old formula or the new law. Chief among these is the City of Janesville, which has been locked into a low shared revenue distribution that hasn’t been updated since before the GM plant closed. This legislation ensures that stakeholders regularly recommend formula changes for the betterment of our entire state and consider changing circumstances in communities of different sizes.

“I was proud to work with a bipartisan group of legislators that came together to address this crucial issue for our local communities, and I hope that our legislative colleagues will join us in supporting this important bill.”

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*** Attached to this release is the cosponsorship memo and bill for LRB 4900/LRB 5750, which would establish a shared revenue advisory council in Wisconsin.*

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