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Sen. Testin and Rep. Kurtz Emphasize Accountability and Transparency with New Bills *Legislation Would Create On-line Dashboards to Track Spending, Performance*

Madison, WI – In 2016, Governor Scott Walker issued an executive order that required cabinet agencies to develop on-line dashboards that reported on their performance and were available to the public. Governor Evers abandoned the practice, but two legislators are working to bring it back.

Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) and Representative Tony Kurtz (Wonewoc) are circulating proposals that would not only reintroduce the agency dashboard that Gov. Walker worked to create, but also develop an in-depth on-line dashboard to track Wisconsin’s use of federal stimulus funds.

“Our neighbors in Illinois have a robust interactive dashboard that allows the public to track stimulus spending by agency, fund, zip code and month down to the cent,” noted Testin. “Meanwhile, in Wisconsin, we have a graphic with colorful circles that paints a less complete picture. We can do better.”

Rep. Kurtz believes that the state shouldn’t let the opportunity to be more transparent pass by.

“Under Governor Walker, agencies were already using technology to show the public how they were performing. Unfortunately, the current administration reversed that. These proposals give us a chance to ensure that our government is upfront and transparent with the public.”

The two proposals are currently circulating for co-sponsorship.

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