WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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HESSELBEIN ALZHEIMER'S BILL PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

The Wisconsin State Assembly today voted unanimously to pass Rep. Dianne Hesselbein's bill to give the University of Wisconsin-Madison \$50,000 in grants to launch two adult blood studies of adult children of Alzheimer's sufferers. The vote was 94-0 with five members absent.

"Other bills from the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia give people support and information. This bill gives them hope," she said. "In our travels around the state, the one clear message we received was to do whatever we can to find a cure."

The grant, which university researchers hope will open new lines of study and attract larger, national research grants, will study blood and look for new proteins possible associated with Alzheimer's, a progressive brain disease that eventually causes death.

Hesselbein was the Vice Chair of the Speaker's Task Force, which had bipartisan members.

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