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## **Senator Hesselbein and Representative Neubauer Vote to Release UW Pay Increases after Months of Delay by Speaker Vos and Legislative Republicans**

MADISON, Wis. – Today, the Joint Committee on Employment Relations voted to release UW employee wage adjustments. The vote comes six months after the budget approving the wages was signed into law and two months after wages were released for all other state employees. Senate Democratic Leader Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) and Assembly Democratic Leader released Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement:

“After months of delay, JCOER, chaired by Speaker Vos (R-Burlington) and Senate President Kapenga (R-Delafield), finally took action to release the needed wage increases for more than 35,000 UW employees. Democrats called for these raises to be released months ago, but instead legislative Republicans decided to play shameful, partisan games with people’s paychecks.

“In attacking diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives on college campuses, Republicans are pursuing an agenda that negatively impacts students of color, low-income students, student veterans, students with disabilities, students who are returning to college after the loss of a loved one or the birth of a child, first-generation college students, and so many others.

“Republicans’ hateful and unpopular agenda does not move Wisconsin forward, and in fact causes great harm to our state’s premiere economic engine. The vote taken today should have been done months ago and should never have been used as a bargaining chip in Republicans’ deeply misguided political games.”

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