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STATE SENATE PASSES BIPARTISAN BILLS

Two bills authored by Senator Paul Farrow passed with overwhelming support by Republicans and Democrats

Madison – Today, the Wisconsin State Senate met in regular session to take up a slate of bipartisan bills. Senate Bills 13 & 67, authored by State Senator Paul Farrow (R-Pewaukee), were passed by a unanimous voice vote. The work Senator Farrow has put into both pieces of legislation has been applauded by both sides of the aisle and both measures are supported by Governor Walker.

Senate Bill 13 would allow home medical oxygen providers to distribute oxygen to patients without the need of having a licensed pharmacist on staff. The bill also puts the State of Wisconsin in compliance with Medicaid and Medicare requirements by the imposed May 1st waiver deadline requirement.

“It has been a pleasure to work with oxygen providers, the Department of Safety & Professional Services, and the Pharmacy Examining Board to meet the requirements set by the federal government,” said Farrow. “I am also pleased to see that the Assembly took action on Senate Bill 13 to ensure enactment by the early contract date of March 25th and the waiver deadline of May 1st. Things can be done in a timely fashion to ensure businesses thrive and consumers and patients get the medical supplies they need.”

Senate Bill 67 prohibits the Department of Public Instruction from using the information gained from this year’s assessment as a basis for their annual accountability report cards and educator effectiveness. Recently, the state was informed that current statewide assessments would not be utilized following its initial implementation of 2015. This bill would put a hold on using the data to determine effectiveness.

The legislation is supported by the Department of Public Instruction, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, School Choice Wisconsin, Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, Wisconsin Association of School Personnel Administrators, Wisconsin Council for Administrators of Special Services, Wisconsin Education Association Council, Wisconsin Retired Educators Association, Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance, Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

“Senate Bill 67 is truly a bipartisan piece of legislation and has gained support from organizations that don’t always see eye-to-eye. However, good bills that have a clear and vested intent have a way to gain attention,” stated Farrow. “I am disappointed that Senate Bill 67 was not taken up and passed by the State Assembly today. Schools across Wisconsin will begin administering the statewide assessment in the next few weeks and it is a shame that they do not have the direction and clarity from Madison on how the data will be used. I look forward to the Assembly taking action on this bipartisan piece of legislation in a timely fashion to provide clarity and assurance.”

Farrow represents the 33rd Senate District which encompasses the majority of Waukesha County in Southeastern Wisconsin.

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