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My staff and I are always willing to be of service to you. If you have questions, need legislative updates, maps, and Blue Books, or would like me to speak in front of your group or function, please contact my office toll-free at **(888) 529-0031** or by email at **Rep.Loudenbeck@legis.wi.gov**

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Amy and Senator Kedzie welcome students from Big Foot High School

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REPRESENTING WISCONSIN'S 31ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Greetings!

As your representative in the Wisconsin State Assembly, it is my honor and privilege to serve you. Thank you for allowing me to act as a resource and advocate for the citizens of the 31st Assembly District.

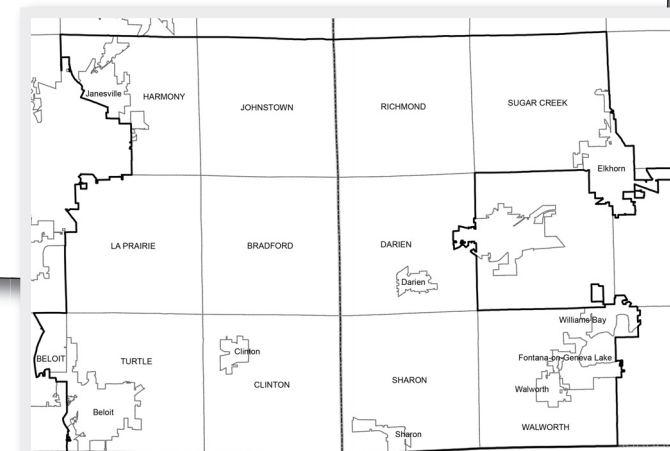
As Chairperson of the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development, I have been involved with policymaking that will support our students, workers and employers as they adapt to the competitive, global, talent-based economy. We are equipping workers with the skills they need to find jobs in the modern workforce while making targeted investments in education.

I am proud to say that we passed a balanced budget and gave nearly \$2 billion back to the hardworking families and business owners of Wisconsin in tax relief. Other highlights of the session include legislation aimed at improving access to mental health treatment and addressing the statewide heroin epidemic. I personally authored legislation that provides additional services and supports to children and families at risk, domestic violence victims, and human trafficking victims. Wisconsin is proving that we can be responsible stewards of our tax dollars while preserving essential services for our most vulnerable populations.

Constituent services remain a priority in my office. Please contact me or my staff if you need assistance with state agencies or have general questions or concerns. Thank you for allowing me to be your voice in state government!

Sincerely,

Amy Loudenbeck
State Representative



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Rep. Amy Loudenbeck's 2014 Legislative Update



Amy and Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch attend groundbreaking for new Darien Village Hall

Legislation Authored by Rep. Amy Loudenbeck

Economic Development: Tax Credit Transfer (AB 580)

Tax credits help facilitate entrepreneurial endeavors, promote business expansion and retention, and secure new business development investments in Wisconsin. **I introduced legislation that allows for the limited transfer of economic development tax credits between entities involved in an economic development project.** The projects will be approved by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation using criteria existent under current law.

AB 580 passed the Assembly and the Senate and is ready for the Governor's signature.



Amy and Senator Kedzie honor VetsRoll at the Capitol

Children and Families: Out-of-Home Care (AB 570)

I partnered with the Department of Children and Families on AB 570 which allows for a child to remain in out-of-home care until age 21 if the child is in school and has an Individualized Education Plan. **AB 570 allows for additional supports and services to our vulnerable youth, increasing the likelihood of positive outcomes including stable housing, job skills, employment and financial security.**

AB 570 passed the Assembly and Senate committees and is available for scheduling.

Children and Families: Shelter Care (AB 674)

Sometimes situations arise when a family needs a short-term safe place to stay. **I worked with the Department of Children and Families on AB 674 which allows for a child to be voluntarily placed in a shelter care facility for up to 20 days without the need for a court order.** AB 674 allows for additional resources to be made available for children, youth and families in crisis as they transition into a more stable living situation.

AB 674 passed the Assembly and is awaiting Senate action.

Children & Families: Child Death Review Teams (AB 554)

The death of a child is a devastating loss to both the family and the community. Child Death Review (CDR) teams operate in 51 counties in the state to investigate causes and circumstances of child deaths and ultimately recommend strategies to prevent unnecessary tragedies in the future. **I introduced a bill that affirms this existing CDR system into state law and establishes a recognized CDR Council to serve as an advisory board for local teams.**

AB 554 passed the Assembly committee and is awaiting Joint Committee on Finance approval.

Health Care: Free Clinics (AB 270)

I am proud to have two free clinics in my district, Open Arms of Walworth County and HealthNet of Rock County. Over 80 free clinics operating in the state rely on medical professionals to donate their services. **I worked with numerous stakeholders to author legislation which improves access, accountability and efficiency for free clinics in our state.**

AB 270 passed the Assembly and is awaiting Senate action.

Workforce Development: Right the Rules (AB 515 & AB 516)

The Wisconsin State Assembly started the Right the Rules project this legislative session to review and update the entire Administrative Code in order to reduce the regulatory burden on citizens and businesses in the state. It is the first comprehensive review of Wisconsin's Administrative Code in state history. **I authored two Right the Rules bills this session which will make it easier for businesses to operate and comply with state law in Wisconsin.**

AB 515 and AB 516 passed the Assembly and Senate and are ready for the Governor's signature.

Criminal Justice: Domestic Violence (AB 171)

We live in a highly mobile, high-tech society, and sometimes our laws need to be updated to reflect reality. Crimes such as domestic violence and child abuse don't distinguish between gender, race, socio-economic status, political parties or state borders. **AB 171 strengthens legal protections for victims of domestic violence and empowers Wisconsin courts to protect Wisconsinites from abusers who are located in other states.**

AB 171 passed the Assembly and is awaiting Senate action.

Criminal Justice: Human Trafficking (AB 620)

Human trafficking is a threat to children and adults in Wisconsin, and **I am continuing my work with the Department of Justice to strengthen our laws to protect human trafficking victims and more effectively prosecute these heinous crimes.** Key provisions of AB 620 include creating a framework for vacating convictions as well as confiscation of assets from anyone convicted of human trafficking.

AB 620 passed the Assembly and is awaiting Senate action.

Environmental Protection: Phosphorus Reduction (AB 680)

Our Wisconsin waterways contribute to the aesthetic, recreational and economic value of our communities, and reducing phosphorus is essential to keeping our waterways healthy. **I authored AB 680 to allow for an additional option for point sources to partner with nonpoint sources and counties with the goal of overall phosphorus reduction.** This legislation will likely result in a greater return on investment for each pollution prevention dollar invested.

AB 680 passed the Assembly and Senate and is ready for the Governor's signature.

Sporting Heritage: Vintage Snowmobiles (AB 670)

Wisconsin has a rich snowmobiling heritage, with over 200,000 riders enjoying over 25,000 miles of trails each winter. In order to encourage more participation in vintage snowmobiling events and ridership, **I authored a bill to allow owners of snowmobiles 35 years or older to pay reduced registration renewal fees.**

AB 670 passed the Assembly committee and is available for scheduling.



Amy chairs the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development



Amy honors Clinton 4-H Club

Legislative Boards

In addition to my committees, I am a legislative appointee to two boards. I am a member of the **State Capitol and Executive Residence Board** which directs the continuing and consistent maintenance of the property, decorative furniture and furnishings of the state Capitol and executive residence. I also serve on the board for the **Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority**, an independent authority that finances programs that help stimulate affordable housing and economic development throughout the state.



Amy tours Agape House & School for Girls