

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

State Archive Preservation Facility
[LFB Paper #386]

Motion:

Move to modify funding in the bill consistent with the rate charged for Class A office space:

Historical Society. Provide additional GPR funding equal to \$28,400 GPR in 2017-18 and \$44,000 GPR in 2018-19 relative to the amounts in the bill. Delete PR funding equal to \$773,400 PR in 2017-18 and \$1,189,000 PR in 2018-19.

Department of Veterans Affairs. Provide an increase of \$383,800 SEG and decreases of \$3,200 FED and \$574,900 PR in 2017-18 and an increase of \$438,900 SEG and decreases of \$4,500 FED and \$733,500 PR in 2018-19 to adjust appropriations to align anticipated lease costs according to the appropriations responsible for making lease payments and the reduced lease rate.

Note:

Construction on a new storage facility for historical collections owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society began in 2015 and is expected to be completed in November, 2017. The facility will be owned by Department of Administration (DOA) and leased by the Historical Society, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and DOA.

Funding for the Historical Society's lease of the facility is included in the bill, equal to \$2,320,300 GPR and \$773,400 PR in 2017-18 and \$3,567,100 GPR and \$1,189,000 PR in 2018-19. However, the Society has indicated that it would be unable to raise sufficient funds for ongoing lease payments equal to the amount of PR required under the bill.

The bill also would provide funding in DVA's appropriations for the preservation facility. However, 35% of the funding added for the preservation facility would be provided in the PR appropriation for the state veterans homes. The statutory authorization for this appropriation generally restricts its use to care of members of the homes, so it is doubtful that the Department could legally make lease payments for the preservation facility from this appropriation. This motion would, in addition to adjusting funding to account for a lower lease rate, align overall lease funding with the appropriations responsible for making lease payments.

[Change to Base: \$5,959,800 GPR, -\$98,000 FED, \$202,500 PR, and \$1,215,900 SEG]

[Change to Bill: \$72,400 GPR, -\$7,700 FED, -\$3,270,800 PR, and \$822,700 SEG]

