



Legislative Update

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How an Idea Becomes Law

The Idea

Where do the ideas come from?

Constituent Request

A constituent reaches out to Sen. X and says they'd like to change a statute.

The constituent may have run into a permitting issue with the DNR and found out current statute doesn't allow for it. Now they've asked Sen. X to change the statute.

Stakeholder Request

A stakeholder group or association calls Rep. Y and asks them to help on an issue they're having.

The Wisconsin Balloon Animal Association asks Rep. Y to cap the price of helium.

Legislative Agenda

The legislator themselves may have an agenda they ran on or ideas from their private life.

Sen. Z was a CPA in the private sector and wants to ensure WI tax code lines up with the IRS tax code. They also pledged they would lower property taxes during the campaign.

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The Idea

In the last few examples, we talked about two of the factors in an idea becoming a law. We talked about the idea—what other important piece did we mention?

The Lawmaker

How do you pick a lawmaker?

Local Issue

A constituent reaches out to Sen. X and says they'd like to change a statute.

Most ideas that come from constituents are going to be authored by the local legislators. If the issue is in Tomahawk, a good bet is Rep. Callahan and Sen. Felzkowski.

Requested Action

A stakeholder group or association calls Rep. Y and asks them to help on an issue they're having.

For stakeholder requests, a lot of the strategy is thought out ahead of time. WCA asked Rep. Franklin to do a budget motion for us because we new he was a freshman and in a vulnerable seat.

Past Experience

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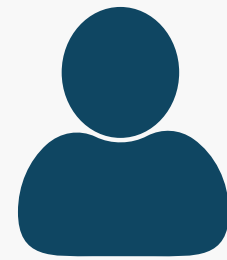
If a legislator has experience in a certain career field, many times they will be asked to do bills relating to that issue area. An example is Rep. Moses and Chiropractors.

Addition: Sometimes leadership will draft a bill and ask a member of their caucus to author it.

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The Lawmaker

Now that we have an idea and a lawmaker who's willing to help, we need to introduce this to the public and other legislators.

The Introduction

How do you introduce the bill idea?

Press Conference

Press conferences are used when the bill author(s) want to get the public on board.

Bill author(s) won't circulate the bill for co-sponsorship until after the press conference, ensuring the press actually show up and cover their message/idea.

Circulate for Co-Sponsorship

Almost every single bill will be circulated for co-sponsorship prior to official introduction.

When you circulate a bill for co-sponsorship, you're telling your colleagues why it's important and asking them to support it alongside you.

Direct Introduction

Bill authors use direct introduction when they don't have a ton of time or a bill is really technical.

In this scenario, the Assembly and Senate authors write only their own names on the bill jacket and turn it into their respective Chief Clerk's Office.

Addition: A bill is not officially introduced until the Speaker or Senate President refer it to a committee.

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Assembly Republicans news conf on data centers

Assembly Republican held a press conference on Monday regarding data centers across the state.

The Brief

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Co-Sponsorship Memo

DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: All Legislators

**FROM: Representatives Jodi Emerson
Senator Jeff Smith**

RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB 5757 Relating to: student identification used for voting.

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm - Thursday, January 22, 2026

Students face unique barriers to accessing their right to vote. Notably, a large segment of our student population relies on their campus identification card as their primary or only source of photo identification (ID), the ID needed to vote. As this Legislature continues to spend much of its time focusing on campus free speech, we must carry that enthusiasm by providing our students a guaranteed photo ID to have their voices heard at the ballot box. Currently, seven Universities of Wisconsin (UW) institutions and all but three Wisconsin Technical Colleges issue voter-compliant student identification as their primary student ID cards. This legislation would expand the practice across UW System and Technical Colleges, removing a needless voting barrier while expanding youth participation in our democratic process. If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please reply to this email or call Representative Emerson's or Senator Smith's office by Thursday January 22, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

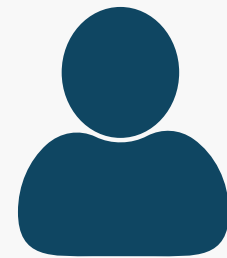
Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows an individual to use as voter identification an unexpired identification card issued by a technical college, college, or university in this state if the card meets certain criteria. The card must have an expiration date that is no later than two years after the date it was issued, and the individual must establish proof of enrollment. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit held that the requirement to present both an unexpired identification card and proof of enrollment had no rational basis and was therefore unconstitutional. See, Luft v. Evers, 963 F.3d 665 (2020). This bill allows a student to use an expired student identification card under certain circumstances. Under the bill, a student does not need to present proof of enrollment if using an unexpired identification card but must provide proof of enrollment if using an expired identification card. In addition, the bill requires each technical college in this state and each University of Wisconsin System institution to issue student identification cards that meet the criteria to be used as voter identification no later than August 1, 2026.

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We now have an idea, lawmakers to serve as authors, and we've introduced the bill - can I
bring it for a vote on the floor?

The Committees

What does the committee process entail?

Public Hearing

The first step in the process is a public hearing where the public can provide comments and committee members can ask questions.

A pretty firm rule is that a bill can not receive a floor vote until it's had a public hearing.

Executive Session

The next step in the process is an executive session where members of the committee vote on whether or not they recommend it for the floor.

Most committee's will not hold an executive session vote unless they know the bill will pass.

Joint Finance Committee

Before an appropriations bill can pass on the floor of both houses, it must first get approval from the Joint Finance Committee (JFC).

It's normal to see a bill pass in one house prior to it receiving approval from JFC.

Addition: The committee chairperson has sole discretion on which bills move through their committee.

More: You have Assembly and Senate versions of the same bill that must work through the process.

Public Hearing

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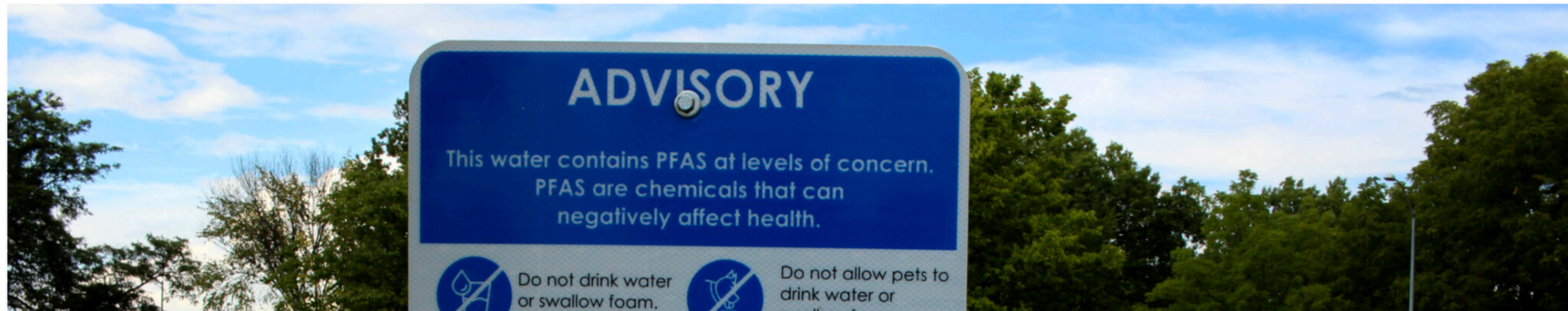
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Wisconsin senators hold public hearing on bill to warn of contaminated groundwater

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Legislative committee advances funds so UW-Madison can pay student athletes

But the bill faces an uncertain future in the state Senate

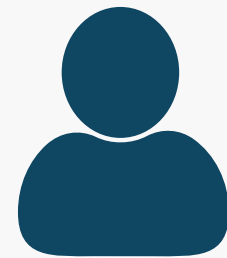
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Committee

We now have an idea, lawmakers to serve as authors, we've introduced the bill, and it's gone through the necessary committees - can it go to the floor now?

Floor Session

Which floor session will it fall under?

Regular Floor Session

These potential floor dates are laid out at the beginning of the legislative session through a joint resolution passed in both houses.

The relative Rules Committee in both houses set the floor calendar.
(Speaker and Majority Leader)

Special Session

Special sessions are called by the Governor when they want the Legislature to convene to work on a particular issue.

The Legislature is required to meet, but they are not required to take up any bills. (skeleton session)

Extraordinary Session

Extraordinary sessions are called by the Legislature and allow the body to meet on unscheduled floor days to work on a particular issue.

While this is rare, it does happen, and has occurred during my short 10-year career in politics.

Addition: In almost every scenario, a bill will not be scheduled for the floor unless it has the votes.

More: In recent years, both houses have required a majority of votes in support be from GOP members.

Regular Session

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Wisconsin Senate releases packed agenda for what could be last session day before midterms

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Wisconsin Legislature Works Overnight To Approve Limiting Gov.-Elect Tony Evers' Power

Limits On Early Voting, Evers' Ability To Keep Health Care Campaign Promise Move To Walker's Desk

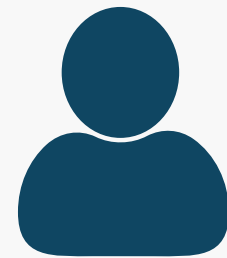
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Voting History

How do I keep track of the vote?

Live Tracking

You can either watch the floor session live on Wisconsin Eye (www.wiseye.org) or;

Utilize the 'Senate Session' or 'Assembly Session' links on the Legislative website (www.legis.wi.gov)

Legislative Website

You can check the bill information on the Legislative website to find out who voted for what.

A voice vote is 'unanimous' and a roll call vote is self-explanatory. It does take time for the vote to be updated.

Wheeler Press Releases

For big ticket issues, you can sometimes find out voting results by checking actual press releases.

Many legislators will reference a vote count for their bill in the press release they put out after the floor session.

Addition: All appropriations bills are required to have a roll call vote.

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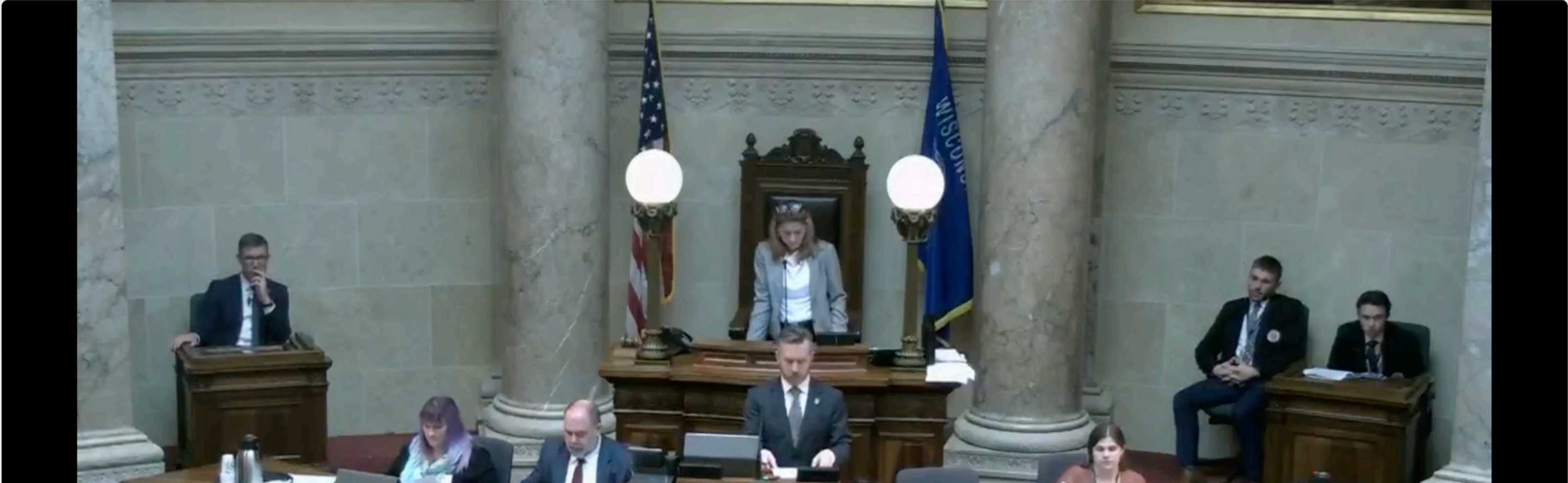


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AB 217 BY O'CONNOR -COMPETITIVE BIDDING THRESHOLDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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- [AB130](#) by Mursau (Detail)
- [AB131](#) by Mursau (Detail)
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- [AB180](#) by Moses (Detail)
- [SSA2-AB180](#) by L. Johnson
- [AB182](#) by Armstrong (Detail)
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- [AB192](#) by Moses (Detail)

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Assembly Bill 1034

Relating clause:

name, image, and likeness rights for University of Wisconsin System student athletes; and making an appropriation.

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Press Release Vote

“After a long, five-year fight, Gail’s Law passed the Assembly. This is one of the most consequential votes I have taken during my time in public office. Thank you to my colleagues for joining me today in voting for Wisconsin women. The passage of this bill signifies a commitment to women’s health, and it will save lives”.

Senate Bill 264 is named after Gail Zeamer. A native of Neenah, Wisconsin, Gail was the leading force behind 2017 Act 201, the breast density notification law. While enduring her own fight with breast cancer, Gail led advocacy efforts at the Capitol. In 2024, Gail passed away after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Her advocacy efforts, continued on by her family and fellow breast cancer advocates, played a monumental role in today’s bill passage.

“I look forward to the Governor signing SB 264 into law. Once enacted, Wisconsin women will no longer have to cover the cost for their supplemental screenings. I am hopeful that this will increase access and encourage women to get that potentially lifesaving screening”.

Senate Bill 264 passed the Assembly with a 96-0 vote. Now, it heads to the Governor’s desk.

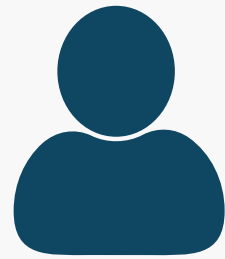
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Rep. Duchow represents the 97th Assembly District, which includes the villages of Dousman, Eagle, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, Palmyra, Sullivan, Summit, and Wales; the towns of Concord, Delafield, Eagle, Genesee, Hebron, Mukwonago, Ottawa, Palmyra, and Sullivan; and the City of Delafield

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Governor's Action

What can the Governor do with the bill?

Sign it Into Law

The Governor, in most cases, will sign a bill into law and that will be the end of it.

When bills are signed into law, they are then referred to as '2025 Wisconsin Act 22.'

Partial Veto

When the Legislature passes an appropriations bill, the Governor has the ability to line-item veto the bill language.

Wisconsin's Governor has the most powerful veto pen in the country.

Full Veto

If the Governor is completely opposed to a bill, they will most likely veto it in its entirety.

Every time the Governor vetoes a bill, there will be a veto message connected to it - an explanation.

Addition: The Legislature and Governor at times will have unwritten agreements/compromises 'preventing' the Governor from vetoing certain legislation.

Signed Bill



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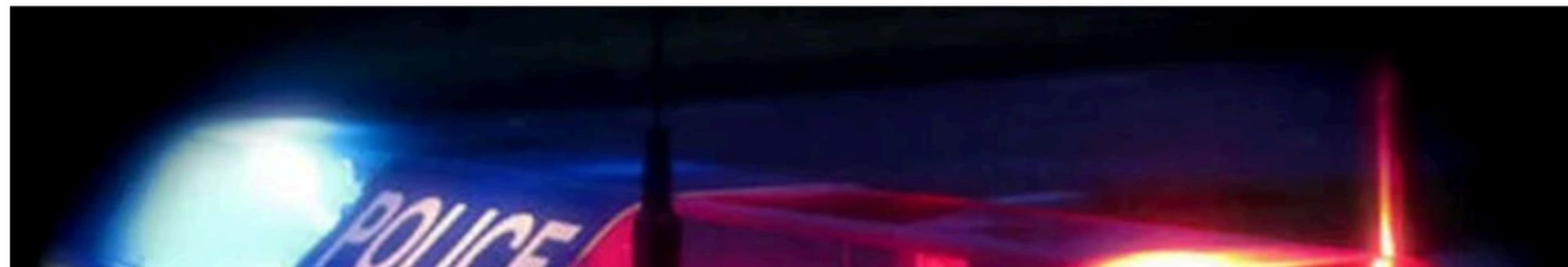
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Evers signs bill allowing police to use saliva drug tests on drivers

By Danielle DuClos

Mar 13, 2026

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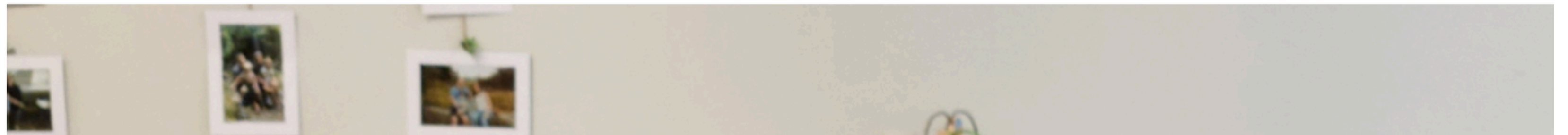
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Governor

That my friends is how an idea becomes law. Let's stop here for questions.

Senate Bill 190

An Act to renumber 448.05 (5r); to amend 146.81 (1) (d), 146.997 (1) (d) 5., 256.15 (4) (a) 3., 440.03 (9) (a) (intro.) and 2., 440.03 (13) (b) (intro.), 440.15, 448.01 (9s), 448.01 (12), 448.02 (3) (a) to (c), (e), (f) and (h), 448.02 (4) (a) and (b), 448.02 (5), 448.02 (6), 448.02 (8) (a), 448.02 (8) (c), 448.03 (1m), 448.05 (5r) (title), 448.07 (1) (b), 448.07 (1) (c), 448.07 (1) (d), 448.07 (2), 448.08 (1m), 448.08 (4), 448.12, 448.13 (1) (a), 448.13 (2), 448.13 (3) and 990.01 (28); to repeal and recreate 448.02 (3) (a), 448.07 (title), 448.07 (1) (title) and 448.07 (1) (a); to create 14.832, 440.03 (11m) (c) 2rm., 440.03 (13) (c) 1. m., 448.015 (2m), 448.04 (1) (im), 448.04 (2m), 448.05 (1) (e), 448.05 (5r) (b), 448.05 (6) (av), 448.06 (3) and subchapter XIV of chapter 448 [precedes 448.9886] of the statutes; Relating to: ratification of the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact. (FE)

Status: S - Enacted into law

Important Actions (newest first)

Date / House	Action	Journal
12/10/2025 Sen.	Published 12-10-2025	556
10/28/2025 Sen.	Report passage as amended recommended by Committee on Health , Ayes 5, Noes 0	473

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10/28/2025 Sen.	Report adoption of Senate Amendment 1 recommended by Committee on Health , Ayes 5, Noes 0	473
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Legislative Timeline

- Inauguration | January, 2025
- Governor's State of State Address | February, 2025
- Governor's Budget Address | February, 2025
- JFC Listening Sessions | April, 2025
- Budget Due | July, 2025
- Summer Slow-Down | July-August, 2025
- Fall Session | September-December, 2025
- Spring Session Starts | January, 2026
- Governor's State of State Address | February, 2026
- Assembly Adjourns | February, 2026
- Senate Adjourns | March, 2026
- Campaign Season | April-November, 2026
- Next Session Begins | January, 2027

State Assembly

- Speaker Vos announces he's not running for re-election
- February 17-20th final floor session days
- No plans on returning (exception: property tax relief, non-partisan redistricting)
- Who do we expect the next Speaker to be?
- The Assembly is going to look very different next session regardless of which party is in control
- Passed legislation relating to:
 - PFAS
 - Stewardship
 - SNAP
 - Online Gaming
 - Postpartum Coverage Extension and Breast Cancer Screening

Over 100 Assembly bills need action in the Senate



State Senate

- Planning to finish up business on Tuesday, March 17th
- Speculation on what will need 17 votes
- Caucused on Wednesday
- Does the Senate like when the Assembly amends a bunch of bills at the 11th hour?
- What happens to bills that get amended at the 11th hour?
- Legislation in front of the Senate:
 - PFAS
 - Stewardship
 - SNAP
 - Online Gaming
 - Wakeboats/Sandhill Crane Hunting Season



Open

Governor Evers

- Has been critical of the Legislature's plan to adjourn
- Turned down Legislature's property tax relief proposal
 - \$500/\$1,000 income tax rebate checks
 - \$500 million in property tax relief
 - \$200 million increase in special education reimbursements
- We are speculating that a deal has been reached between his administration and the GOP on the following:
 - PFAS
 - SNAP
- Called for a special session in April to take up non-partisan redistricting legislation
 - Speaker Vos said he's open to the discussion
- May see another special session on property tax relief if both sides can come to an agreement

Legislative Statistics

How does this Legislative Session compare to other sessions? **As of March 11th of the Even Year**

2021-22 Session	2023-24 Session	2025-26 Session	2015-16 Session
30 Assembly Floor Days	30 Assembly Floor Days	27 Assembly Floor Days	27 Assembly Floor Days
23 Senate Floor Days	15 Senate Floor Days	10 Senate Floor Days	21 Senate Floor Days
1,198 Assembly Bills	1,156 Assembly Bills	1,090 Assembly Bills	991 Assembly Bills
1,107 Senate Bills	1,088 Senate Bills	1,098 Senate Bills	789 Senate Bills
178 Acts Signed (267)	105 Acts Signed (272)	93 Acts Signed	259 Acts Signed (392)
NA (127)	NA (77)	25 Vetoes	NA (7)
May 17 th Finish	May 15 th Finish	March 17 th Finish	May 17 th Finish
ASM: GOP SEN: GOP GOV: Dem	ASM: GOP SEN: GOP GOV: Dem	ASM: GOP SEN: GOP GOV: Dem	ASM: GOP SEN: GOP GOV: GOP

Campaign Timeline

- Campaign Announcements | Ongoing
- Spring Elections | April 7th
- State Supreme Court Election | April 7th
- Nomination Papers Start Circulating | April 15th
- Nomination Papers Due | June 1st
- Newly Elected Justice Takes Seat on Court | August, 2026
- Partisan Primary | August 11, 2026
- Partisan General Election | November 3rd
- 2027-28 Session Innauguration | First Tuesday of January, 2027

WCA Priorities

- Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures (AB 320)
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- SNAP Funding (AB 180)
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Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures

- Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures
- Assembly Bill 320
- Increase the number of fees, fines, and forfeitures set by the state
- Allow the counties to keep a greater percentage of that revenue
- Counties do the work to collect the fees; we should be able to keep more of that revenue
- \$70 million shortfall for the court system prior to the 2025-27 budget
- Received \$10 million GPR annually
- This bill will provide an estimated \$20 million in new revenue
- Passed Assembly and Senate
- Awaiting action from the Governor

Court Positions

- Additional Circuit Court and Criminal Justice System Positions
- Assembly Bill 514
- Increase the number of circuit court branches, state public defenders, and assistant district attorneys in counties across the state
- Passed in the Assembly
- Awaiting Senate action

SNAP Funding

- SNAP Funding
- Assembly Bill 180
- Require the Department of Health Services to seek any necessary waiver to prohibit the purchase of candy or soft drinks with FoodShare benefits
- Amended to include:
 - An increase in DHS's authorized FTE positions by 28 federally funded project positions for FoodShare
 - quality control services
 - \$32 million for counties to administer the FoodShare program
 - Positions and funding for income maintenance verification
- Without these positions and this funding, Wisconsin could struggle to keep their error rate low
- High error rates in the FoodShare program would penalize the state
- Speculating a deal between the GOP legislature and the Governor
- Passed 71-22 in the Assembly - needs Senate action

Utility Aid Payments

- Utility Aid Payments
- Senate Bill 556
- Provides utility aid payments to counties and municipalities where energy storage facilities are located - Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- \$1,000 multiplied by a BESS facility's megawatt capacity
 - Located in a city or village - $\frac{1}{3}$ to county and $\frac{2}{3}$ to city or village
 - Located in a town - $\frac{2}{3}$ to county and $\frac{1}{3}$ to town
- Provides utility aid payments to counties and municipalities where liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facilities are located
- Located in a city or village - multiple LNG storage facility net book value by 6 mills (to city or village) and 3 mills (to county)
- Located in a town - multiple the LNG storage facility net book value by 3 mills (to town) and 6 mills (to county)
- Passed in both houses - waiting on action from Governor Evers

PFAS

- PFAS
- Assembly Bill 130 & Assembly Bill 131
- Releases the \$132 million in funding for PFAS remediation and testing
 - \$79.5 million for community grants
 - \$35 million for well compensation grants
 - \$5.25 million for airports
 - \$12 million for other programs
- Provides exemptions under the remediation law generally for:
 - Farmers
 - Municipalities
 - Solid Waste Facilities
 - Fire Departments
 - **Doesn't provide exemption for airports**
- Passed in Assembly - needs Senate action

Stewardship

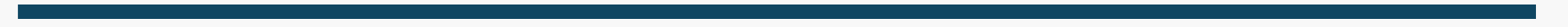
- Reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
- Assembly Bill 612 and Assembly Bill 315
- Representative Tony Kurtz and Senator Patrick Testin have been fighting to get this done.
- The Senate has more concerns with the program than the Assembly.
- Multiple iterations of this bill were introduced this session.
- These bills include some of the following changes:
 - Two-year reauthorization - would end June 30, 2028
 - Decreased allowed DNR obligation to \$13.25 million annually
 - DNR land survey: public land, stewardship land, MFL land
 - Limits DNR land acquisition to \$1 million for Ice Age Trail
 - Puts an emphasis on maintaining the land we currently have
- These bills have passed in the Assembly - need Senate action.
- If nothing gets passed, the program will not be funded - the 2027-29 budget would be the next opportunity.

Competitive Bidding

- Competitive Bidding
- Assembly Bill 459 & Assembly Bill 217
- Both bills started with similar language and were split into two separate bills.
- AB 459 (Competitive Bidding - 980 residential placements)
 - Provides an exception from counties' competitive bidding requirements for projects to provide housing to persons placed on supervised release under Chapter 980, Stats.
 - Exception only applies to mobile homes and park model homes.
- AB 217 (Competitive Bidding - Thresholds)
 - Increases the dollar threshold for the competitive bidding requirement for local public works and contracts to \$50,000.
 - Increases the dollar threshold for providing public notice of contracts to \$10,000.
 - Had an automatic five-year inflation adjustment that was amended out.
- AB 459 has passed in both houses, while AB 217 has passed in the Assembly but needs Senate action.

Transportation

- Transportation Delivers Resolutions
 - Asking all 72 counties to submit resolutions in support of the lawmakers finding a sustainable revenue source solution for the state transportation fund
 - Over 30 counties have submitted resolutions already - no counties have reached out with concerns
- Heavy equipment operator licenses for county employees
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization
 - Some are optimistic it will get done, others are not - that's Washington DC in a nutshell
 - Secretary Duffy and the Trump Administration continue to prioritize transportation infrastructure spending
 - Not just highways and bridges, but transit as well
 - BASICS Act
 - Push by Counties and Municipalities to have the federal government pass more funding directly to the locals with less funding to state DOTs for discretion



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