

# Rep. Berner: Assembly passes state budget

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Madison...State Representative Kathy Bernier (R-Lake Hallie) released the following statement regarding Assembly passage of AB 64, the state budget bill, today in Madison.

“I applaud my colleagues and my leadership on today’s action in the State Assembly. It took a while but we have made great strides in bringing more accountability and accessibility to state government.

I am proud to have worked with local officials and legislative leaders to see funding for Governor’s Hall at UW Eau Claire become a reality. This building project will keep the University on track towards creating a more inviting atmosphere for current and prospective students. It is extremely timely as many students are still being housed at the Clarion Hotel until adequate housing becomes available.

We also passed the largest investment in K-12 education and I’m particularly pleased that we targeted rural, low-spending districts for an increase in per-pupil aid. We are providing more than \$16 million in special education and mental health services for students requiring additional attention and services.”