

Rep. Kitchens: State Assembly passes Assembly Bills 226 and 383

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Madison– State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement following the passage of AB 226 and 383, both authored by Representative Kitchens:

“I was happy to see that both of the bills that I authored passed with bipartisan support today on the floor of the Assembly. Both these bills will provide relief and support to families in Wisconsin.

“Assembly Bill 226, otherwise known as the ‘Clean Water Access Bill’, is a crucial piece of legislation that will provide relief and access to clean water, a basic right most of us take for granted. This bill will put in place a process to allow families with failing wells or water treatment systems to get loans to repair or replace their wells and treatment systems so they can once again have clean, safe drinking water in their homes. This loan would be paid back as a special charge assessment on their property tax bill.

“I would like to thank Senator Rob Cowles (R- Green Bay) and his staff for their partnership and dedication on this issue. I would also like to recognize the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters for their support and enthusiasm for this bill. With the passage of this crucial bill in the Assembly, I strongly encourage the Senate to take up this bill so we can begin to address clean water access issues throughout Wisconsin.

“Assembly Bill 383, a bipartisan authored bill, supported by both the Department of

Public Instruction and School Choice Wisconsin, makes common sense changes to the laws affecting Wisconsin's parental choice programs. Included in this bill are provisions that strengthen accountability and transparency, all a benefit to our state's children.

"Last week, the companion bill to AB 383, SB 293, passed out of the Senate with broad bipartisan support. I want to thank my co-author in the Assembly, Rep. Jason Fields (D- Glendale) and our Senate authors, Senators Luther Olsen (R- Ripon) and Lena Taylor (D- Milwaukee) for their work on this legislation. I look forward to having this bill delivered to and signed by the Governor in the near future."