

# Rep. Kitchens: Statement on JFC approval of harbor assistance funding

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Madison – State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement following the Joint Finance Committee’s decision to provide funding for the Sturgeon Bay Harbor Project:

“I am incredibly pleased that yesterday the Joint Finance Committee approved my motion requesting a \$3.2 million grant from the Harbor Assistance Program for our harbor in Sturgeon Bay.

The Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding Company will be using this fund for the third phase of the harbor project which will include the dredging and harbor construction. Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding is the largest employer in Door County and has spent several years working on the harbor project.

“This funding will allow the public-private partnership between the city and one of its key business partners to go forward full speed ahead and continue their modernization of the harbor. Not only will this harbor provide opportunities for additional employment, but it will send a signal to those in the region that industry in Northeast Wisconsin is thriving and welcome in Sturgeon Bay.

“I want to thank the Joint Finance Committee for recognizing the benefits of funding this harbor project and I want to thank the local business community for their partnership and dedication to this issue. This is something that I have been working on since I came into office and this is another big step forward for Sturgeon Bay’s

Harbor. I will continue to advocate for this funding to remain in the budget and I am eager to see our harbor revitalized in the not so distant future.”