

Rep. Rohrkaste: votes in favor of bills to fight opioid addiction

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Madison, WI - Representative Mike Rohrkaste (R-Neenah) joined his Assembly colleagues yesterday in bringing more tools to Wisconsin in the battle against drug abuse and addiction. The Assembly passed nine bills that will expand treatment options and prevention programs to help fight the opioid epidemic here in Wisconsin.

“The opioid epidemic continues to be a problem throughout our state and has impacted numerous families at home in the Fox Cities,” said Rep. Rohrkaste. “These bills will have a significant impact in the fight against opioid abuse in Wisconsin by expanding access to treatment and connecting people with the help they need.”

The bills are part of the special session on opioid abuse called by Governor Walker earlier this year. The legislation also continues the efforts of Assembly Republicans on the Heroin, Opioid, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Agenda. In the past two sessions, 17 HOPE Agenda bills have become law.

“I am particularly pleased to have voted for Special Session Assembly Bill 2, which allocates \$2 million to Treatment and Diversion (TAD) programs, and Special Session Assembly Bill 8, which allocates \$1 million in funding for up to 3 additional opioid treatment centers in underserved, high-need areas of Wisconsin,” said Rep. Rohrkaste. “Both of these bills will go a long way in the fight against the opioid epidemic.”

For more information on the HOPE Agenda, please visit the following website:
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/hope/>.