

Sen. Cowles: Statement on non-fiscal policy items being taken out of the state budget

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GREEN BAY– Today, the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau released the list of non-fiscal policy items contained within the 2017-2019 State Budget. Additionally, Joint Finance Committee Co-chairs, Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette), released budget procedures for the Joint Finance Committee which include taking all of the 83 non-fiscal policy items out of the state budget. Upon the release, Senator Cowles (R-Green Bay) released the following statement:

“I strongly applaud the move made by the Joint Finance Committee Chairs to remove all of the non-fiscal policy items from the state budget. I have long been an opponent of non-fiscal policy items in the state budget. I have said, for several budgets, that these items should all be stripped out and discussed through the committee process with public input, as separate legislation. I commend my colleagues on the finance committee for this move and I too, wholeheartedly, agree that the state budget is no place for policy items. I look ahead to working with my colleagues on a much cleaner budget.”