

Sen. Cowles: Statement on the Budget's Passage

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MADISON- Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) has released the following statement after voting in-favor of 2017 Assembly Bill 64, the biennial budget:

“Overall, this is a good budget for Northeast Wisconsin. By prioritizing education and supporting training for Wisconsin’s workers, this budget will help to move our state forward.

“In April, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), the State’s budget committee, took a bold step in favor of accountable government when they removed all non-fiscal policy items from the budget. While some non-fiscal policy items have been put back in, these items are fewer both in numbers and impact than previous budgets. I intend to work with the Governor and my legislative colleagues to try to remove additional items through the Governor’s veto.

“As JFC’s work concluded, I was happy to see they prioritized fiscal responsibility by keeping the structural deficit at a reasonable level while ensuring a stable ending balance. As we return our focus to non-budgetary legislative issues, I intend to continue working with my colleagues to ensure that the implementation and execution of this budget is both accountable and transparent.”