

Sen. Darling and Rep. Nygren: JFC Co-Chairs' Statement on Governor Walker's 2017-19 Budget Plan

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Madison – On Wednesday, State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), the Co-Chairs of the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee, released the following statement regarding the Governor's budget plan:

"This proposal gives us a solid starting point as we begin the state budget process. Thanks to responsible budgeting in the past, our state budget is now in great shape. We're happy to see strong investments in public education, common sense welfare reforms, and continued tax relief for Wisconsinites around the state.

Moving forward, we will consider all of the necessary programs that rely on state dollars and ensure that these programs are funded appropriately. We will continue to prioritize education, employ prudent fiscal budgeting to keep taxes low, and work to find a sustainable solution to our state's transportation funding problem.

Now that the budget proposal is in the legislature's hands, it's time for the Joint Finance Committee to make improvements with the help of the people of Wisconsin. Together, we will make the budget even better.

We look forward to working with our legislative colleagues, stakeholders, and Wisconsin residents to craft a budget we can be proud to support."