

Rep. Edming: Excited to serve as chair of Labor and Integrated Employment Committee

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Rusk County Republican to lead new committee during the 2019-2020 legislative session

MADISON - Representative James Edming (R-Glen Flora) released the following statement regarding his [appointment](#) by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) as the chairman of the new Assembly Committee on Labor and Integrated Employment earlier this week.

“It is an honor to be named the chairman of the Labor and Integrated Employment Committee. With record low-unemployment, there are many employers around the state who are seeking to hire capable, dependable employees. This is no different in the 87th Assembly District. As I travel the district, I hear from employers, both large and small, who share their need for more workers. Finding new ways to grow our labor force is an important part of keeping Wisconsin’s economy strong.

“During my time in the legislature, I have learned that a group of people who are often overlooked by employers are people with disabilities. Many individuals with disabilities want nothing more than to work in their communities, they just may need a little extra support to do so. I am proud to have authored the [Employment First Act](#) this past session that made Wisconsin a national leader in promoting competitive integrated employment for people with disabilities. I am grateful to Speaker Vos for giving me the opportunity to continue to lead in this area by

appointing me to chair this important committee.

“I look forward to leading the Labor and Integrated Employment Committee this upcoming session and hope that this new committee can help foster new ideas to help grow the labor force in our state to meet the needs of our state’s employers and allow Wisconsin to continue to lead the nation in promoting community-based employment for people with disabilities.”