

# Sen. Stroebel: Honored to chair Senate Committee on government operations, returns \$90,000 to taxpayers

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Madison, WI – Earlier this week Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) announced that Sen. Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) will be chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection during the upcoming 2019-2020 legislative session. Sen. Stroebel chaired this committee during the current session and he had the following to say about the appointment:

*“I am honored to once again lead this important committee. I am grateful to Sen. Fitzgerald and my Republican Senate colleagues for their trust and confidence in my work on these issues. A strong committee process ensures that policy ideas are thoroughly vetted and prepared for implementation. It is my intent that this committee continues to serve as a productive forum for stakeholders, the public and legislators to discuss issues, debate ideas, and respectfully listen to, and learn from, one another.”*

A review of the 20th Senate District office budget found that Sen. Stroebel will return \$90,000 in unspent taxpayer funds to the state general fund at the end of the year. Each legislative office receives a budget that covers certain expenses and operations over the course of the biannual legislative session. Funds not spent by the end of a session are lapsed back to the state’s general fund. Sen. Stroebel

commented:

*“As stewards of hard-earned taxpayer dollars we must always champion fiscal responsibility in state government. That responsibility starts with legislative office accounts and extends all the way to the state budget. Every dollar we spend in Madison came from the pockets of hard-working men and women. We must never spend public money lightly. Whenever possible we must reduce government spending when efficiencies may be found or when operations prudently trimmed.”*

Sen. Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which is comprised of portions of Ozaukee, Washington, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac and Calumet counties. He was also re-appointed to the Joint Committee on Finance, the legislative committee that drafts the state budget.