

Rep. Hintz: Statement on COVID-19 legislation

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MADISON - Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed 2019 AB 1038 regarding the state's response to the COVID-19 crisis. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement:

"One of the core responsibilities of government is to keep people safe, and to prevent people from getting sick and dying. Our state government has a role to play in helping people manage and navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. This unprecedented public health and economic crisis has caused harm to so many families and businesses across Wisconsin," Rep. Hintz stated. "While too often our politics are broken and dysfunctional, more than ever people are looking for leadership and not politics. In this moment, we must assess and act upon what government can do right now to best support the public."

"The bill we passed today was a positive first step. Eliminating the one week waiting period for Unemployment Insurance and securing additional federal resources will help those struggling immediately. However, today cannot be the final day the Assembly meets. This situation is rapidly evolving, and we must be responsive to the needs of our state and the many unforeseen challenges in the days ahead. I refuse to admit that what we passed today is all we can do as a state. The fact is, we don't know where things will be a month from now, and what the needs will be. I am hopeful we can build on today's actions if we all keep trying to move together to do everything possible to end this crisis. Let's not write off coming back for the things we need to get done for the people of our state."