

Sen. Wimberger, Rep. Wittke: JLAC co-chairs statement on audit reports on telework, space and risk management

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MADISON – The co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Senator Wimberger (R-Green Bay) and Representative Wittke (R-Racine) released the following statement in response to the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) release of two audit reports on Telework, Space Management, and Risk Management for both the Department of Administration ([Report 23-22](#)) and the University of Wisconsin System ([Report 23-23](#)).

In evaluating 39 executive state agencies and all 14 University of Wisconsin institutions, the LAB has provided a significant product for the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to review. *“This is the kind of audit I was looking to see. The detail within its hundreds of pages will give us better insight into how our oversight should move forward. I look forward to doing my due diligence to read the audits and then to holding a public hearing on both audits in the coming year,”* said Wittke.

With employees using a mere 35% or less of the physical workspace, the audit shows massive waste on expensive unnecessary physical structures. Further, since the telework methods have a pretext of work efficiency, I expect staff reductions are also appropriate,” said Wimberger. *“UW System has also seen skyrocketing tuition to accommodate expensive workspaces that house a growing administrative employee payroll. I believe it is fair to ask UW System if cuts can be made to reduce infrastructure or administrative staff.”*

The LAB made [14 recommendations each](#).