

Rep. Hurd: Expresses disappointment in veto of increased investment in child care

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MADISON – Late last week, Governor Tony Evers chose to veto [Senate Bill 291](#), which would have expanded the child care expenses eligible for the Business Development Tax Credit. The Assembly author of the proposal, Representative Karen Hurd (R-Withee), issued the following statement in response to the governor's veto:

"I was disappointed that Governor Evers chose to veto Senate Bill 291. This bill would have expanded the child care expenses that are eligible to be claimed under the currently underutilized Business Development Tax Credit. Instead of only capital expenses, which very few businesses have for child care, this bill would have broadened eligibility to include operational costs, employee reimbursements, reserved child care slots, contributions to dependent care FSAs, and other employer-supported child care benefits.

"I was pleased to support the bipartisan child care investments made in the 2025–2027 State Budget last year and believe this legislation was another step forward in addressing our state's child care challenges. Unfortunately, instead of signing legislation that passed both houses of the legislature with bipartisan support, Governor Evers chose to use his veto pen and prevent good policy from becoming law."