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## Joint Finance Completes Budget Work

Republicans pass budget with large investments in schools, roads, and healthcare

**Madison-** Following weeks of votes on each state agency, Republicans on the Joint Committee on Finance passed out of committee the state budget. Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) released the following statement after a 12-4 party line vote:

"This is a fiscally responsible budget that invests in the priorities the people of Wisconsin have made clear they value. By traveling to all corners of the state for public hearings, and having 14 in-district listening sessions throughout the 39th Assembly District, this budget was crafted with direct input from hard-working Wisconsin families.

"Over the past few months, I've heard many people say we need to fix our roads. This budget does that by making large investments in our local roads, and fully funding the Governor's amount in rehabbing our state highways. A consistent theme of listening sessions in our area was funding our schools. This budget does that with per student increases of \$200 each year of the budget, and by increasing special education funding by 22%. This budget also includes a strategic investment into the healthcare workforce and hospitals that will improve access and affordability.

"Governor Evers' budget included huge spending and expanded welfare that used massive tax increases to pay for it - something that neither I nor the citizens of Dodge and Washington counties will stand for. The Republican led finance team removed these irresponsible proposals, and put forward a responsible budget that invested heavily in the things we know the citizens of Wisconsin value.

"When looking at this budget in its full form, it's even more clear to me that it is a great budget that Governor Evers must sign. By listening and responding to our constituents, I know that this is a budget that continues to make Wisconsin a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

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