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Rep. Stubbs Authors Legislation Allowing DWD to Process Claims Faster

MADISON — Today, Representative Stubbs (D-Madison) and the Wisconsin Democrats announced a package of legislation to expand access to unemployment insurance (UI) benefits for Wisconsinites during progress during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Rep. Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“We are in a global pandemic, my constituents need to pay their bills, pay their rent and pay for groceries. Right now, too many of my constituents cannot do those things. This package of legislation will remove eligibility restrictions, make it easier to apply, and remove barriers to allow the DWD to process claims faster.

I am specifically authoring two bills. The first is LRB 6254 which reinstates DWD’s authority to determine what constitutes suitable work a claimant must accept if offered. The second, LRB 6256, expands DWD’s authority to provide waivers for work search and job registration requirements.

I am also introducing LRB 6244: Wisconsin is one of only two states that prevent people with disabilities who are able to work from receiving unemployment benefits. This bill would allow social security disability (SSDI) recipients to receive concurrent unemployment insurance benefits.

It is past time that we as a legislative body do our part to help people who have not gotten unemployment benefits for months. We are removing barriers for folks to access these critically important resources. This pandemic is not over. There are so many families who have no income and businesses who have no source of incoming revenue. Let’s do what we have been elected to do – meet the moment and provide Wisconsin citizens with what they need, when they need it. And they need relief now!”