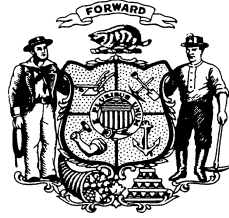


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Republicans Direct Governor Evers to Upgrade UI IT System

Madison – The Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, State Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) and State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green), released the following statement after a Joint Committee on Finance Public Hearing and Executive Session on Governor Evers’ Special Session Bill on UI.

“Today, Republicans provided a roadmap for an unemployment IT system upgrade for Governor Evers. Frankly, this is something Governor Evers can already do as outlined in an earlier Legislative Fiscal Bureau memo, but, once again, Legislative Republicans have to take the lead and will direct Governor Evers’ and his agencies to do their job.”

The substitute amendment to Governor Evers’ UI Special Session Bill would require DWD and DOA to work together to initiate an IT system upgrade. The amendment also includes several items that were in Assembly Bill 1, the amendment:

- Exempts the unemployment insurance one-week waiting period through March 14th
- Includes civil liability exemption language
- Incorporates benefit charging, work-share, and extended benefits provisions

“If upgrading the unemployment system is truly a priority for Governor Evers, he will support this legislation. The Governor DOES NOT need legislative approval to initiate an IT system upgrade, but it is clear he does not plan to move forward unless directed to do so. This legislation also includes a number of common sense provisions from vetoed AB 1 that the Governor has expressed support for in the past.”

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