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## Rep Rodriguez: Statement on 2021 Biennial Budget Bill

MADISON - Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly took up 2021 Assembly Bill 68, the 2021-23 biennial budget bill. Rep. Sara Rodriguez (D-Brookfield) released the following statement:

"Thanks to the leadership of President Joe Biden and Governor Evers, Wisconsin is in a strong financial position as we come out of the pandemic and begin to build back better. With \$1 billion dollars in one-time federal funding opportunities and a \$4.4 billion increase in our state revenue estimate, Wisconsin has the resources available to make transformational investments in education, health care, and infrastructure.

"Governor Evers' original budget proposal prioritized Wisconsin's continued economic recovery, funding for public education, and access to quality, affordable healthcare. It was a budget the showed what is possible for Wisconsin. We could have invested in our future and cut taxes. We could have expanded BadgerCare and brought home \$1 billion in federal funds. We could have invested in K-12 education to give our kids the best opportunity to get ahead. We could have done so much more. Instead we were left with a budget of missed opportunities."

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