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Rep. Behnke: 2021-2023 Budget Passes Assembly

MADISON - State Representative Elijah Behnke (R-Oconto) issued the following statement regarding the passage of the 2021-2023 budget through the Assembly:

"Yesterday the Assembly passed the 2021-2023 budget. The Joint Committee on Finance approved this \$87.5 billion budget compared to the Governor's \$91.2 billion budget. This four percent decrease in spending is a tremendous win for Wisconsin taxpayers."

"I would like to thank the Joint Committee on Finance for their hard work during this budget process. They crafted a fiscally-responsible and sustainable budget that Wisconsinites can be proud of."

"This budget has many things that I support. It has increased the bonding authorization for the Safe Drinking and Clean Water Fund programs by \$24.7 million. We will achieve two-thirds funding of schools by the end of the biennium at 68 percent. We will also be providing over \$800,000 for Meat Processor Grants. Finally, I support repealing the personal property tax."

"This budget is the latest example of strong Republican leadership. I know we will continue the trend of fiscal responsibility for years to come."

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The 89th Assembly District includes portions of Brown, Marinette, and Oconto counties.